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## Have garlic and onions, beat back cancer

WASHINGTON, Jan 18. (Reuter): Eating garlic and onions may significantly reduce the risk of stomach cancer, according to a study of nearly 1,700 Chinese published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. The study, conducted in China's Shandong province where the death rate from stomach cancer is particularly high, found that the risk of the cancer declined according to the amount of garlic and onions consumed. The effect was also triggered by garlic and onion relatives like shallots and chives.

Researchers from the US National Cancer Institute, the Beijing Institute for Cancer Research and other US and Chinese centres interviewed 685 patients with stomach cancer and 1,131 cancer-free individuals in Shandong province. They found that those with the highest consumption of garlic and onions were 40 per cent less likely to develop stomach cancer than those who consumed the least.

The effect "appeared independent of protective associations found for intake of other fresh vegetables, vitamin C and other dietary factors," the researchers said. In all, researchers looked at 85 different food items.

However, investigators noted that a county in the US state of Georgia well known for its production of vidalia onions, a variety favoured for its sweetness and mild bite, was found to have a stomach cancer death rate of about one-third the US national average and one-half the state level. Stomach cancer is the most common cause of death among cancer patients worldwide, the researchers said.

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## WEATHER

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## Baker presents broad outlines of foreign policy

# US remains opposed to a Palestinian state



Baker appearing before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. (Reuter wirephoto)

ties the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

"We advocate direct negotiations based on UN Resolutions 242 and 338, which include the exchange of territory for peace," he said, adding, "realistically, Jordan must participate in any agreement."

### Uprising

He said: "The Palestinians must participate in the determination of their own future. We continue to believe, however, that an independent Palestinian state will not be a source of stability or contribute to a just and enduring peace."

Baker warned, however, that "a Middle East policy focused exclusively on the Arab-Israeli

conflict, would be too limited."

He alleged, for example, that "Libya continues to be a destabilising factor in North Africa and elsewhere in the region."

On Lebanon, Baker said: "Lebanon remains a rebuke to everyone's hopes for a restoration of stability and independence for that tragic country."

The US official made only a brief reference to the Iraq-Iran conflict, saying: "A lasting peace remains to be established between Iraq and Iran." Meanwhile, he added, "the issues of chemical warfare and ballistic missile proliferation compel our attention."

### Pledged

Baker pledged that the US under the Bush administration will be working closely with the United Nations on some of these regional issues.

But overall, Baker had no new ideas to offer in his prepared statements — none had been expected — and his comments sounded very much like those of his predecessor George Shultz.

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On US-Soviet relations, Baker echoed President-elect George Bush's cautious approach to changes being brought by Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and credited the easing of US-Soviet relations to a US policy of peace

through strength.

Noting arms control progress, release of political prisoners and the Soviet pullout from Afghanistan, Baker said: "These are reasons to be hopeful. But realism requires us to be prudent."

Baker pledged to push for congressional approval of \$481 million in US aid, as promised by the Reagan administration.

"They will find it exceedingly difficult to understand if we're not able to fulfil that kind of a commitment after using our best efforts," Baker said.

### Review

He also said negotiations with the Philippines for military base rights would be high on the Bush administration's agenda.

Baker called for a review of US policy toward South Africa, saying that economic sanctions mandated by Congress had failed to dismantle apartheid.

He urged Congress and the administration to present a united front toward South Africa, as the most efficient way to achieve progress against apartheid.

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Baker espoused closer ties with Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and improved links with both India and Pakistan. He said the United States will co-ordinate with Japan future strategy for resolving the debt crisis in Latin America.

## Anger over brutality against Palestinians

# Soldiers lash out at Shamir

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Jan 18. (Agencies): Arabs in the occupied West Bank staged a strike today to protest at mounting casualties from Army gunfire and Israeli soldiers and opposition blasted the government for its handling of the Palestinian uprising.

Arab sources said residents observed the strike in most of the West Bank, with the exception of Nablus and Bethlehem. Merchants closed shops and students left classrooms.

Palestinians said Israeli troops shot and wounded seven people in scattered protests today. The Army said it was checking the reports.

Palestinians hurled two firebombs at a bus carrying Arab workers to Israel near the West Bank village of Dayr Abu Mashar, police said. Two people were injured and the bus was gutted.

Amid growing concern by ministers over rising Arab casualties in the 13-month revolt, Israel's inner cabinet met to discuss Army use of plastic bullets and other anti-riot tactics.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin has announced tough new measures to instill fear in them and enforce order. Several said they were ashamed of their behaviour and had difficulty facing friends and loved ones when they returned home.

The United States voiced concern over the increase in West Bank violence.

"We are deeply concerned over the rise in violent confrontations between Palestinians and Israelis which have resulted in increased injuries and deaths. We especially regret the loss of life," State Department spokesman Dennis Harter said at a news briefing.

### Reflect

"Restraint is called for now. There is an urgent need for Palestinians and Israelis alike to pull back from confrontation and reflect seriously upon what each side can do to promote calm and create an atmosphere conducive to dialogue and negotiations."

The UN secretary-general expressed concern over the escalating number of deaths, especially of girls, caused by Israeli gunfire and urged authorities to exercise restraint.

Palestinians said a leaflet signed

## Arafat's visit to America

# US to discuss visa issue

WASHINGTON, Jan 18. (AP): Two Arab-American officials have been invited to the US State Department to discuss the possibility of granting a visa for PLO chief Yasser Arafat to visit the United States, an Arab-American group has said.

The president of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee, Abdeen Jbara, and the chairman of its board, former Sen. James Abourezk, were asked to meet next Monday with an aide to Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy, said the group's spokesman, Faris Bouhafa.

The aide, Ned Walker, deals in Middle Eastern affairs. "The stated purpose of the invitation was to discuss an

Arafat visa," Bouhafa said yesterday.

Arafat arrived in Baghdad today after a two-day visit to Jordan where he rejected an Israeli plan for Palestinian elections in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Pakistani today upgraded to an embassy the office of the PLO in Islamabad.

The Foreign Office said in a statement the PLO representative office would now be called the embassy of the state of Palestine and the organisation's representative would be addressed as the ambassador of Palestine.

It said the decision "reflects our belief in the justice of the Palestinian cause."

## India, Sri Lanka may sign friendship treaty

COLOMBO, Jan 18. (AP): India is willing to consider a proposal by the Sri Lankan government for a bilateral treaty of peace, friendship and co-operation, an Indian statement said today.

The proposal for the treaty came from President Ranasinghe Premadasa, who had pledged to turn the existing 1987 India-Sri Lanka peace accord into a friendship pact in line with the one India has with the Soviet Union.

"India is willing to consider the suggestion from Sri Lanka for a bilateral Indo-Sri Lanka treaty ... on the principle of mutual benefit and reciprocity," the statement said.

The announcement came after Indian High Commissioner J.N. Dixit met Premadasa late yesterday.

## Iraq denies it is producing biological weapons

NICOSIA, Jan 18. (Agencies): Iraq today denied allegations that it was producing biological weapons, saying it did not need them to defend itself.

It said reports that Israel had warned Baghdad of its intention to attack a factory producing the weapons were also untrue.

"If such a warning is received, Iraq will strongly reject it," the Iraqi News Agency quoted an Information Ministry spokesman as saying.

"The spokesman asserted that Iraq does not produce such weapons and does not need them for defensive purposes," added the agency, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Two American television networks said yesterday that Iraq

was developing weapons to spread cholera, typhoid, anthrax and other diseases.

An Israeli official said today his country had information that Baghdad had developed such weapons but did not yet have the means to use them on the battlefield.

The Israeli Foreign Ministry denied television reports that Israel had threatened to bomb the plant, as it destroyed a nuclear reactor near Baghdad in 1981.

The Iraqi spokesman accused Israel of wanting to prolong the Gulf war "in order to keep the Arab nation engaged and subjected to the Iranian regime's threats."

He said Israel had supplied Tehran with "all the means of continuing its aggression."

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## INTERNATIONAL

## Attack on Rabta plant would be like Hiroshima: Khaddafi

ROME, Jan 18. (Agencies): Col. Muammar Khaddafi has called for "escalated resistance to aggression" and warned that a US attack on Libya's alleged chemical weapons plant "would be like striking Hiroshima."

In an address to members of the central council of the international Confederation of Arab Trade Unions, broadcast by Libyan television last night and monitored in London, Khaddafi focused on tensions with the United States.

He said Libya has no aircraft carrier "with which to confront the American aircraft carrier or the missiles which they threatened to use against us."

"They bring their fleets and we bring the Arab nation," he said.

### Devastated

"I told them it is a Hiroshima," he said, referring to the Japanese city devastated by the US atom bomb in 1945. "If you strike Rabta it would be like striking Hiroshima. They are still paying the price of Hiroshima today."

Libya claims the Rabta plant is for making pharmaceuticals. The United States says it is a chemical weapons facility, and President Reagan last month said he had not ruled out the option of a military strike against the plant.

"We challenge them to strike this factory," Khaddafi said.

"Your will is stronger than the aircraft carrier and the cruise missiles... no matter how much we fought with military power we were not able to make the fleets of America withdraw from confronting the Libyan sea," Khaddafi said.

"But... the American fleets are withdrawing. They are holding their manoeuvres along European shores."

### Realise

The US 6th Fleet has been holding exercises in the Mediterranean near the Italian coast. Missile-firing exercises originally slated to be held off the Libyan coast were cancelled in an apparent move to defuse tensions after US fighter jets shot down two Libyan MIGs.

"We must work still further until we realise Arab unity and

aggression is defeated... they came to our own territory. But the resistance must escalate and should continue until the Arab nation's aims of unity and liberation are realised," Khaddafi said.

Libya meanwhile showed a group of Australian parliamentarians today the outside of its controversial plant near Tripoli, saying no inside visit was possible until inspection by international experts.

Meanwhile, the Frankfurt prosecutor's office said today it had opened a criminal investigation against the now-defunct I.B.I. engineering company, which US officials have accused of playing a key role in the suspected Libyan chemical weapons plant.

Federal officials already are probing overall West German involvement, while a local prosecutor in the southern city of Offenburg has opened a criminal probe against the Imhausen-Chemie Company. US officials allege that Imhausen also was a major participant in the project.

### Estimated

West Germany's ARD television estimated that 50 companies in the Frankfurt area alone had a role in building the Libyan plant.

Israeli Finance Minister Shimon Peres flew to West Germany today where he reportedly plans to demand that officials put an end to involvement by German firms in building a controversial plant in Libya.

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### Racial violence

MIAMI, Jan 18. (AP): Rioters set fires and looted stores early today as 700 police officers poured into two black neighbourhoods, arresting hundreds in an attempt to halt two days of racial violence.

The violence eased toward dawn, enabling police to reduce their presence.

## Jaruzelski survives vote of confidence

## Polish party approves legalization of Solidarity

WARSAW, Jan 18. (UPI): The Polish Communist Party today approved a resolution that would again legalize Solidarity and give an overwhelming vote of confidence to Polish leader Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski, the official news agency PAP said.

"In an unequivocal (with four abstentions) vote the central committee granted a vote of confidence to the party's supreme authorities led by Wojciech Jaruzelski," PAP said.

"With a majority of votes, the (central) committee approved the stand on political pluralism and union pluralism," PAP said.

The statement indicated that instead of the nearly unanimous approval common at central committee meetings, a serious division within the party over whether to take the historic step, which would put Solidarity back on legal footing for the first time since Sept 1982, when it was outlawed following the imposition of martial law on Dec 13, 1981.

### Delayed

A draft of the resolution obtained yesterday by United Press International said the shape of Solidarity and of other unions will be decided during round-table talks with Solidarity.

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In a speech during extended debate on the resolution, Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski said Solidarity would operate on probation until May 3, 1991 — the 200th anniversary of a liberalized Polish constitution that operated only briefly until the partition of Poland by Russia, Prussia and Austria.

### Loyal

The resolution set several conditions for the re-legalization of Solidarity, saying it should back the government's economic reforms, be loyal to the state and give up receiving finances from the West — a reference mainly to US congressional funding of \$1 million annually in 1987 and 1988.

"It (Solidarity) must see itself as part of socialism," Prime Minister Rakowski said during the long and often heated debate. "We must seek assurance that this Solidarity, which cannot be a copy of the old Solidarity, cannot plunge the country into amar-

chy."

Poland was wracked by strikes in 1980 and 1981 during the generalization, birth and ultimate suppression of Solidarity, the first legal independent trade union in Eastern Europe.

It was not clear whether Solidarity would agree to the conditions. Solidarity spokesman Janusz Onyszkiewicz declined to comment.

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immediately on the decision and said there would be a statement from Solidarity after consultation with Lech Walesa later in the day.

Rakowski warned that party must change politically in order to retain its power.

"No supernatural force guarantees that the Communist Party retains its leading role. It depends on us," said Rakowski.

The resolution said legal conditions "for the formation of new unions, including Solidarity, should be worked out during the round-table meetings.

### Clubs

A previous draft only referred to legalisation of "another union" in contrast to the official communist-controlled unions.

The resolution ruled out formation of the political parties, but said opponents with other than socialist views will be able to form political clubs and associations.

The clubs and associations will be allotted a certain number of seats in the communist-dominated parliament following elections this fall.

Gen. Jaruzelski, who imposed martial law, has repeatedly vowed over the past seven years that Solidarity would never be allowed to return, but the critical economic situation and two waves of strikes last year prompted the government to begin talking with the outlawed union.

## Differences on human rights still remain, says Shevardnadze

VIENNA, Austria, Jan 18. (AP): Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said upon arrival today that the Berlin Wall is not a subject for negotiation at the 35-nation conference on human rights and East-West relations.

He also told reporters at the Vienna airport that there are "many areas in which we just disagree" on human rights issues, referring to East-West differences newly underscored by US Secretary of State George Shultz.

The Soviet diplomat, who was to address closing sessions tomorrow of the conference reviewing compliance with the 1975 Helsinki final act, would not comment on yesterday's call by Shultz for East bloc nations to cease repressions and to implement human rights accords.

### Signed

In his speech to the same conference, Shultz called the Berlin Wall "an inhumane structure" and more than a symbol of repression because it keeps East Germans from fleeing to West Berlin.

The Helsinki accord was signed by the United States, the Soviet Union, Canada and 32 European countries. It tacitly accepted the post-World War II boundaries in Europe, which

Soviet Union had long sought, while providing the Western democracies with a lever to promote more openness in the East.

Asked by reporters if the newly reached agreement indicated that the Berlin Wall could now be dismantled, Shevardnadze said, "I don't think that the Berlin Wall is a subject for the Vienna meeting.

"Each state has the right to build its frontiers as it wishes and we must proceed from there," he said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Immigrant seized

MANCHESTER, Jan 18. (Reuter): Police smashed their way into a Manchester church today to arrest a Sri Lankan political militant living in sanctuary to avoid deportation.

Junior Home Office Minister Timothy Renton said 32-year-old Viraj Mendis would be deported to Sri Lanka, where he claims he will face a possible death sentence, on Friday unless he could find another country to accept him.

### Commandos killed

COLOMBO, Jan 18. (UPI): Leftist Sinhalese extremists killed three Army commandos killed three Army commandos taken hostage in southern Sri Lanka, shooting one and hacking the two others to death, a Defence Ministry official said today.

### Action defended

PRAGUE, Jan 18. (UPI): Czechoslovakia today lashed out at the United States for criticising its human rights record and defended the actions of riot police who attacked crowds in Prague for a third straight day.

### Drug seizures

LONDON, Jan 18. (Reuter): Drugs with a street value of \$18 million (\$32.5 million) were seized in Britain in 1988, a substantial increase on 1987 levels, the customs and excise office said today.

### Kidnap probe

BRUSSELS, Jan 18. (Reuter): A Belgian investigator sketched a picture today of how the kidnapped former Prime Minister Paul Vanden Boeynants was grabbed from his garage four days ago, but said no firm claim of responsibility had emerged so far.

## Security tightened for Bush's inauguration

WASHINGTON, Jan 18.

(Agencies): The recent rash of terrorist attacks against the United States and its tragic history of presidential assassinations have turned the capital into a virtual armed camp as it celebrates the inauguration of President George Bush.

While the secret service, responsible for co-ordinating protection by dozens of police and military units, is keeping silent on the measures taken, police sources say extraordinarily strict security precautions are coming into force for the inaugural festival beginning today.

Even manhole covers are being welded shut in roads near the US Capitol where Bush and Vice-President-elect Dan Quayle will be sworn in office at noon on Friday, and along the Pennsylvania Avenue parade route to the White House.

Police marksmen will be stationed on roofs overlooking streets that will be closed to regular traffic throughout the programme of parades, concerts, banquets and balls.

Up to 500,000 people are expected to jam the capital for the five days of pageantry to usher in the Bush era after Ronald Reagan's eight years at the White House.

The festivities were due to be launched with a big open-air concert at the Lincoln memorial late

today. Bush, his wife Barbara, Quayle and wife Marilyn were scheduled to be there — tempting targets for assassins, terrorists or any others who wish America harm.

Police estimated over 100,000 people would be at the memorial for fireworks, a flyover by 21 Navy attack and fighter planes and a spectacular Army parachute jump.

For the first time, 140,000 ticketholders will have to pass through metal detector barriers to witness Bush and Quayle being sworn in outside the domed Capitol, overlooking the Washington mall and monuments.

Meanwhile, the Washington Post said today that the Reagan administration has made progress toward compensating the families of 290 people killed when the USS Vincennes shot down an Iran Air jet.

"Nothing's going on," said one US official, who added, "the compensation issue is extraordinarily complicated."

According to the Post, the Reagan administration has not rushed to tie up its loose ends with Iran, including the complications surrounding fulfillment of its compensation offer, and apparently will leave office in two days without having even put together a formal request to Congress for the compensation package.

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## UK: one of Europe's filthiest nations

LONDON, Jan 18. (KUNA): Britain has become one of the filthiest countries in Europe with city streets strewn with litter, junk and graffiti, a report said here today.

The streets carry "the daily disgrace of a nation's rubbish from discarded sweet wrappers and half-eaten food to abandoned cars and illegal tipping", according to a study by the British Royal Fine Art Commission. The report which is reportedly

backed by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, blames the problem on a growing lack of personal discipline and calls for urgent action to halt the decline.

The study, to find a "New look for London" was carried out over two years.

Author Judy Hellman said that although the report concentrates on the capital, the problems affect all Britain and she hopes other cities and towns will take note of its recommendations.

The report recommends that the banks of the River Thames be turned into a national park. Legislation covering officially designated national parks imposes rigorous controls on the collection of garbage and similar materials.

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## Soviet troops quit most Afghan areas

MOSCOW, Jan 18. (Reuters): Soviet troops have now left 26 of Afghanistan's 32 provinces and are turning over defences of the capital Kabul to Afghan forces, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda said today.

It said the first stage of the withdrawal of the more than 100,000 troops sent to Afghanistan in 1979 to bolster the Kabul government had gone according to plan.

But it made no mention of the Feb 15 deadline for the pullout of the remainder as stipulated in last April's UN-sponsored Geneva accords.

The Pravda correspondent said checkpoint Number 30 outside Kabul, a key southern entry point to the capital, had been turned over yesterday to Afghan troops.

The official news agency Tass said today that Afghan troops had launched 17 attacks on Muslim rebels in three areas of eastern Nangarhar province, killing 82 and wounding five.

Tass said dozens of people were killed during fighting between insurgent groups in Kandahar province.

The Soviet Union has said it will abide by the provisions of the

## Malaysian premier hospitalised

KUALA LUMPUR, Jan 18. (Agencies): Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad suffered chest pains today and is likely to remain in hospital for a few days, his spokesman said.

"He is still in hospital but it is nothing serious," the spokesman said, adding that the Malaysian leader would remain in hospital for "a couple of days." He gave no other details.

Mahathir, 63, who took office in 1981, was admitted shortly after midnight and was being attended by a senior cardiologist, the official Bernama news agency said.

It quoted an official of the Kuala Lumpur General Hospital as saying his condition was stable and satisfactory.

Mahathir, a medical doctor before entering politics, is health conscious, fit for his age, and has no other ailments, according to his associates.

Hospital sources said Mahathir walked into the hospital on his own.

Deputy Prime Minister Abdul Ghafar Baba confirmed the Prime Minister was hospitalised after suffering chest pains, but refused to reveal more details.

Mahathir became Malaysia's Prime Minister in 1981 after serving as deputy prime minister since 1976.

Relatives and close friends of Mahathir said he had some minor blood pressure problems in the past.

"We are working with badly

## Relatives search for Sri Lankan crash victims

COLOMBO, Jan 18. (AP): Hundreds of relatives rushed to two hospitals in southern Sri Lanka today, hoping to find survivors of a train-bus collision that killed at least 51 people and injured 72, authorities said.

An express train slammed into a school bus carrying about 120 people, mostly children, yesterday afternoon near the town of Agumgalla, about 70 kilometres (50 miles) south of Colombo, police and witnesses said.

Relatives crowded into government-run hospitals in the towns of Galle and Balapitiya, where the dead and injured were taken.

One mother walked through a crowd last night, calling out a child's name, only to be stopped by nurses from entering the morgue, witnesses said.

Heina Premadasa, wife of President Ranasinghe Premadasa, visited the accident site and hospitals today, going from bed to bed trying to comfort the injured and console relatives of the dead.

**Identity**

Police returned to the crash site today, searching among the bloodstained schoolbooks, pencils and shoes for clues to the victims' identities.

Many of the victims could not be easily identified, and nurses asked relatives to check clothing for identification.

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## Unnatural deaths on rise in China

BEIJING, Jan 18. (AP): Suicides and other unnatural deaths have jumped by 50 per cent since the beginning of the decade, China's official Xinhua news agency reported today.

A survey of 10 million people in 25 locales found that the death rate from unnatural causes increased from 31 per 100,000 people in 1981 to 47 out of 100,000 in 1987.

Four-fifths of the deaths were due to suicide, drowning, poisonings and traffic accidents, Xinhua said.

China does not provide statistics on suicide, but Xinhua said that in the countryside, where the majority of Chinese live, one-third of unnatural deaths were the result of suicide. More women than men took their own lives, it said.

The survey found that half of the suicides were triggered by family disputes, marital problems and poor personal relations. About 20 per cent of suicides were terminally ill patients, it said.

The report said two-thirds of those killing themselves used poison, and called for tighter control over the dispensing of poison.

In Kuwait, Sheikh Sabah said two Kuwaiti envoys will leave for Lebanon tomorrow carrying messages from him to Aoun and Parliament Speaker Hussein Al Husseini.

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## Syria supports Arab efforts on Lebanon

DAMASCUS, Jan 18. (Reuters): Syria will support an Arab League ministerial committee in its efforts to resolve the political crisis in Lebanon, the semi-official daily Al Thawra said today.

"Syria, which spared no effort in the past to enable Lebanon to overcome its crisis, will extend all facilities to any sincere and honest Arab effort aimed at liberating Lebanon from the Zionist cancer and ensuring it belongs to the Arab nation," it said.

Vice-President Abdel-Halim Khaddam held talks in Damascus yesterday with Lebanon's Muslim acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss on the committee's planned meeting with Lebanese leaders later this month, officials said.

Reconciliation

The six-nation Arab League contact group, headed by Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, has invited Hoss and Michel Aoun, head of Lebanon's rival Christian cabinet, to Tunis for talks.

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**Sikh radicals murder Hindu family**

AMRITSAR, Jan 18. (AP): Sikh militants raided a village in northern Punjab and shot and killed a Hindu family of four, police said today.

About five Sikh gunmen raided the home of Anant Ram in the village of Bhrur Gill, 50 kilometres (30 miles) south of Amritsar, police chief G.S. Mann said.

Ram and his two sons were killed inside a room and the assailants shot and killed Vinod Kumar, a relative of Ram, who tried to resist the attack, Mann said.

The express train, making a 50-kilometre (30-mile) journey and travelling at about 65 kilometres (40 miles) per hour, hit the bus and knocked it about 50 metres (150 feet) down the track, they said.

But Sikhs comprise a majority in Punjab, a rich farming state bordering Pakistan.

Sikh militants have been campaigning since 1982 for an independent homeland in Punjab. The latest slayings brought the death toll blamed on the militants this year to 120. Last year 2,400 deaths were blamed on the militants.

The impact hurled many bus passengers into a nearby field, while others were trapped in the wreckage.

The bus driver escaped with minor injuries, and five children riding on the steps of the bus jumped out and escaped unharmed, police said.

No one on the train was hurt, police and witnesses said.



## Roh urges settlement on US bases in Seoul

SEOUL, Jan 18. (AP): President Roh Tae-Woo called today for an early settlement of negotiations over the future of US bases in Seoul and warned against any criticism of the United States.

Government officials said the President urged his administration to seek a "quiet and quick settlement" over the relocation of US military facilities from central Seoul to rural areas. Roh's direction came at a meeting called to review South Korea's foreign policy for the coming year.

Roh cautioned against any "emotional criticism" of the United States, referring to an expansion of anti-US sentiment among the Korean people. Foreign Ministry officials said.

"We must work to establish a stable and solid partnership with the United States," Roh was quoted as saying.

Dissidents and radicals demand the immediate withdrawal of the 42,000 US troops based here. They contend the American forces obstruct unification with North Korea.

**MNLF denies government in exile**

Dissident students firebombed and threw rocks at a US Information Service compound in a provincial city today, smashing windows but there were no reports of injuries, said a US embassy spokesman in Seoul.

About 30 to 40 students who were part of a larger crowd took part in the attack in Kwangju, 170 miles (275 km) south of Seoul, the spokesman said.

The students hurled about 50 firebombs, smashing about 10 windows of a USIS building and damaging a car, the Yonhap news agency reported.

The students dashed from behind a nearby hotel building in downtown Kwangju and stormed the USIS compound, Yonhap said. It said the youths shouted "execute (President Roh Tae-Woo)" and "drive out US imperialists" as they staged the attack. No injuries were reported.

Two student leaders climbed on the roof of a USIS building and hung a placard demanding punishment of Roh and the ousted of Americans, Yonhap said.

## Muslims reject autonomy offer

MANILA, Jan 18. (Reuters): The head of the Philippines' main Muslim separatist group rejected today a government offer to grant semi-autonomy to 13 southern provinces, saying it would only worsen unrest in the region.

Four congressmen from Mindanao said they would travel to Jeddah on Thursday to hold informal "exploratory" talks with Misuari. The planned trip came as proposed legislation to back up Aquino's semi-autonomy plan became bogged down.

More than 50,000 people were killed in the 1970s in fighting between government troops and Muslim separatists in Mindanao, the country's second largest island and traditional homeland to the Muslim minority.

MNLF spokesman Sharif Zain Jali told Reuters the group planned to set up a government in exile in either Iran, Syria or Libya before March to help boost its chances of gaining membership to the Organisation of Islamic Conference which groups 46 countries.

But Misuari said no such plans were being made.

He said the MNLF wanted membership in the OIC, but would seek the advice of the conference before formally applying.

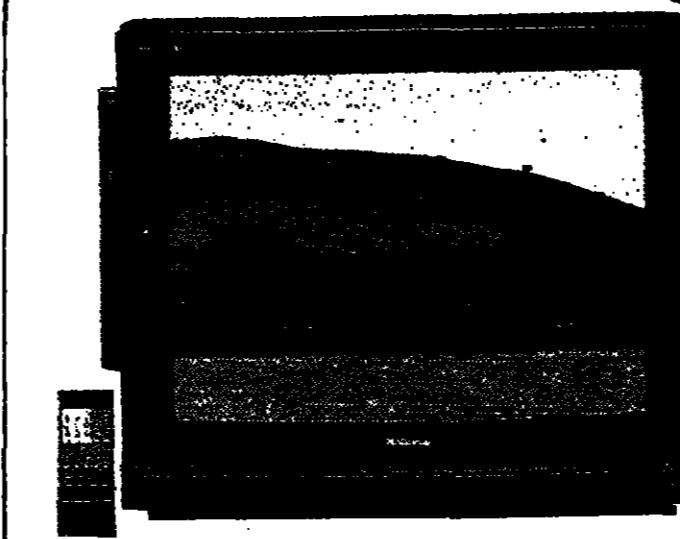
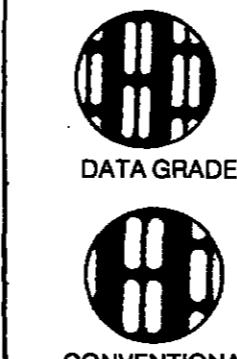
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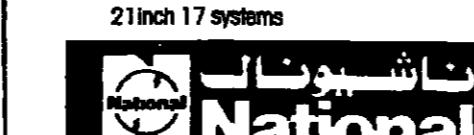


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## Municipal warning to landlords

THE Minister of State for Municipality Affairs Abdulmohsen Al Rifai had issued a decision recently obliging landlords to renovate their buildings in accordance with the Kuwait Municipality specifications which has been stipulated in the Ministerial decision No. 30/85.

The decision provides that in case the owner fails to carry out the necessary renovation within the set period, the Municipality reserves the right to implement the required work at the expense of the owner.

## Man killed

A 24-YEAR-OLD Iranian labourer was shot when he was working at one of the car washing stations in Shuwaikh Industrial Area. The victim who was identified as Naeem Y. was taken to the hospital where he died the same day. The criminal was arrested and the gun was seized. The criminal was referred to the authorities.

Meanwhile, seven road accidents were reported in Kuwait in the last 24 hours, one in the Capital, three in Ahmadi and three in Jahra.

The most bloody accident was between two cars on Wafra Road. The two cars were carrying a total of 25 persons. Three were killed and the other 22 persons were injured.

## Deformed baby

A RESPONSIBLE source at Jahra Hospital has revealed that a baby strangely deformed in the head was delivered last week. He added that the baby is still alive and was discharged from the hospital.

The birth took place in Kuwait for the first time and deserves study and follow up the source said. He further added that this is a one in a million birth defect.

The mother delivered her baby normally but the hospital could not offer any treatment for the baby, the source said.

He expected however, that the baby will not survive for long. The maximum period he said was one year.

## Tender

THE Municipal Affairs Committee headed by the State Minister for Municipal Affairs, Mohammed Al Sayed Abdul Meheen Al Rifai has decided to invite tenders from companies to run the industrial scrap area.

The new management should take charge of marketing, manufacturing, sales and storage.

## OBITUARY



We announce with great sadness, the sudden demise of  
**J.D. SAMUEL**  
on 18-1-89  
Funeral service will be held at the National Evangelical Church on 21-1-89 at 1.00 pm  
By: family members

## Foreign manpower dangerous to Gulf, warns Iraqi study

A STUDY issued by the Iraqi Ministry of Information and Culture, warns the Gulf states of the dangers of foreign manpower

saying that the Gulf shows a reduction in national manpower and an increase in foreign labour.

According to statistics, in 1975 expatriate manpower in Bahrain, was 40 per cent of the total, however, in the last census carried out in 1981 statistics show that nationals became a minority in the workforce.

In Qatar, nationals represented 59 per cent of the total population while in 1985 they formed 83.16 per cent of the total manpower, which means that Qataris themselves control and carry out the most important jobs, both scientific and technical.

## Fear

The study pointed out that most Arabs fear foreigners. Small Arab population was one of the reasons for importing foreign workers to carry out different developmental plans. The Gulf states however still suffer from a shortage in national cadres and have a high percentage of dependents (that is non-productive persons), due to the absence of technological and professional education.

The survey revealed that there are a large number of immigrants, mostly Asian, who are not needed by the countries and some are illegal.

Such an increase will also lead

to an increase of the number of dependents in the area, which is another form of demographical disorder, foreigners tend to live in groups and this in itself builds pressure and leads to a shortage of resources.

The present strategic importance of the Gulf is borne on two essential elements, oil and geographical location. These elements are important on the economic, military and political levels.

The study also reveals that immigrants will remain loyal to their countries and political systems and because of that they seek to live together at specific locations.

Statistics show that such immigration is organised and supported by local and international authorities.

## New schools plan

AN OFFICIAL source at the Ministry of Education has said that contacts are currently underway between the ministry and the relevant authorities at Kuwait Municipality and Ministry of Public Works for the construction of a number of new school buildings and addition of more classrooms to existing schools in Jahra and Farwaniya.

It also revealed that an increase in foreign manpower will create demographical dangers on society. A wide difference in sex rate creates an abnormal form of relations among members of society.

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## KAC offers new Pearl service

By Lima Al Khalafawi

KUWAIT Airways Corporation (KAC) will, from next Saturday, introduce its new first class service Al Lo'sha (the pearl), according to Khalid Al Duwaisan, Managing Director of Kuwait Aviation Service Company (KASCO).

He added that a Majorca pearl will be presented to each of the first class passengers as a souvenir, on the long and medium routes, such as Europe, America and the Far East. This idea, he said originated from the days of pearl diving, when a diver would present a pearl to family and friends after a successful trip.

The new first class service will offer Kuwaiti cuisine, including 10 main dishes, mainly seafood, and six kinds of desserts.

Duwaisan said KAC will now be competing with other major airlines in the annual International In-flight Catering Service Competition to be held in London from Jan 21 to 24 and they hope to win the Mercury Award, a prize given for the introduction of innovative ideas for in-flight service.

KASCO provided catering during the Islamic summit held in Kuwait in 1986, where a total of 300 meals were served per day, he added.

KASCO has netted a profit of



Khalid Al Duwaisan

KD750,000 during the last six months. The profits are expected to reach one million dinars by the end of the financial year which ends on June 30, 1989.

The official added that his company made profits due to expanding business and providing catering services to other airlines such as British Airways and Japan Airlines. Duwaisan denied that the KASCO was doing any domestic business.

Duwaisan declared that a committee, headed by the chairman of the KAC, is always keen to update and upgrade services offered to its passengers and that any comments from passengers on the new service is welcome.

## BANER

## Four UN publications introduced in Bahrain

NEW editions of some significant United Nations publications have been recently introduced by the United Schools International Arab Regional Office, Bahrain (USIRO).

The publications include 'ABC of the United Nations', 'United Nations Primer', 'Workshop of Peace' and 'Notes for Teachers on United Nations'.

Jiya Lal Jain, secretary-general of USIRO and founder of US, has authored and edited the books from Bahrain.

Jain told the Arab Times that basically the books are meant for anyone, including teachers and students, who are interested in learning about the role, objectives and ideals of the United Nations and how it works in serving the common interests of people all over the world.

"The purpose of these publications is to educate everyone on what the United Nations stands for and how it works," said Jain.

## Importance

"It is of utmost importance that the ideals of the United Nations should be taught at the roots of our society, thereby laying a strong foundation for future generations to enjoy lasting peace, stability and progress in all fields," he added.

The publications, all in slim volumes, provide invaluable meticulous information on the world organisation in simple and concise prose.

'ABC of the United Nations' is a 48-page annual volume that primarily focusses on younger generations. According to the editor, it is aimed at the student community around the world. In a preface to the new fifth edition, he says "the international organisation should be dear to every peace-loving boy and girl. It should be cherished as the one hope of mankind for lasting peace. It deserves to be understood and appreciated by the student community who will be soon following the realities and problems of the adult world."

## Reference

The compact hand-book describes vividly and with clarity the history, principles, organisation and agencies of the UN system.

'The United Nations Primer' is another invaluable source of reference on the UN designed for high school students in particular. The sixth edition "draws in sharp focus the constructive facets of the United Nations." Students and readers are urged to be inspired by the ideals of the organisation to work for justice and peace.

Published annually the 64-page volume comprises of six chapters under the following heading: Introduction, Organs of the United Nations, United Nations at work in different fields, Special bodies and specialised and related agencies.

'Workshop of Peace' is co-sponsored in collaboration with the Bahrain National Commission for Education, Science and Culture (BNESC) at the Ministry of Education. The 50-page volume highlights regional and international developments in educational, social, cultural, economic and political activities to enhance world peace and progress in general. Apart from Jain, the volume is also edited by Dayan Edapally and Rashid Sulayebi, secretary-general of BNESC. The book, which is published quarterly, is in its eighth edition.

## Comprehensive

'Notes for Teachers on United Nations' gives a comprehensive list of countries who are members of the United Nations and its various specialised agencies.

Names of all the presidents of the General Assembly to date are mentioned along with the year of their appointment. Among other useful information include a well illustrated map showing the UN member countries around the world and significant dates, marking various important occasions by the UN throughout the year.

Jiya Lal Jain is a leading UN enthusiast who has observed the United Nations working from close quarters right from its early days. He has written and edited around 12 other books for school students on United Nations and its family, UNESCO and general knowledge. Several of these have gone into nearly 40 editions and several translated and produced in Hindi, Telugu and Arabic. USI Arab Regional Office has so far produced nearly 35,000 copies.

USI Arab Regional Office was founded in Bahrain in 1982 with the aim to promote and develop education in the region. It is the only non-governmental United Nations supported organisation in the world. It is an offshoot of United Schools International in New Delhi, India.

## Contract signed for medical equipment

## Resignation

THE chief engineer of networks at the Ministry of Electricity and Water Saad Al Derbas has submitted his resignation, and there will be major changes in the current ministry's professional and senior staff, according to a local newspaper.

The paper said that the ministry would announce the findings of a special investigative committee assigned by the Minister Dr Hmoud Al Rqoba to uncover the circumstances behind the recent national power failure.

## Farm survey

A COMPREHENSIVE survey on Abdali and Wafra farms was conducted last week by Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources, a local daily reported.

It added that the survey was aimed at monitoring the damage to agriculture in both areas as a result of the cold wave that lashed the country, during the last few days.

Temperatures in these areas was zero Centigrade the daily said, adding that the survey showed that it was the first time that crops in greenhouses had been affected.

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THE Ministry of Public Health has signed a contract with a foreign company, for the supply of developed apparatus for testing brain and nerves, according to Ibrahim Al Mudhaif, acting undersecretary at the ministry.

In an interview with a local daily, he said that the apparatus will be delivered during this year and it will cost about KD750,000.

The equipment, he added, will be utilised for supporting other medical equipment within the ministry's hospitals, in particular Ibrahima. He confirmed that the ministry will spare no efforts to modernise equipment in order to provide necessary health care.

## Education Ministry preparing new five-year-plan: Khodari

THE Ministry of Education is currently involved in preparing its new five-year-plan to be set in the framework of the state's general trends, according to the ministry's undersecretary, Abdul Rahman Al Khodari.

In an interview with the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), he said that the plan aims at varying high school education and expanding the credit hours system to cover more schools in Kuwait.

Khodari added that the plan also aims at modernising the ministry's administrative system in order to play a significant role in the educational process.

The official confirmed that the education sector needs to be upgraded from time to time in order to match with the country's developmental with requirements.

Meanwhile, he stressed on the importance of co-ordination between Kuwait University and the Public Authority for Applied Education and Training to meet the country's needs for graduates of different fields.

## GULF ENGLISH SCHOOL SUMMER SCHOOL 1989

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## Traditional handicraft training at Bader House

KUWAIT, Jan 18, (KUNA): The Bader House, an affiliate of the Islamic Archaeology Museum, has organised training courses on Islamic and Kuwaiti crafts to stop the extinction of such art.

Assistant secretary for special projects and foreign relations in the National Museum Abdul Karim Sulaiman Al Ghadban said in an interview with KUNA today that these courses were aimed at maintaining Islamic and Kuwaiti arts and to fill people's spare time.

He said that these training courses on crafts are a success and most of the trainees are women, who have more spare time than others.

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Alice (Katie Nugent) in Wonderland.



## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
DAILY: 5 pm onwards: natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Friday: 9 am onwards.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT — Thurs: 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 4:30 to 7:30 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT — Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to noon. Collection of Islamic arts' costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sedra House**  
SAT — Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**Suffian Gallery**  
ANN Eid: Photographs of Kuwait, on show at the gallery, Thunayan Al Gharem Bldg, Al Soor St. Open daily from 5-8pm.

**Arabian Gulf St.**  
EXHIBITION of lithographs by three 19th century Orientalists. Open from 9 am to 1 pm, 5 to 9 pm, at the gallery located in Zahra Complex, Salmaia.

**Ghadir Gallery**  
UNTIL JAN 24: Kuwaiti artist Awatif Al Shatty will display a selection of her latest paintings at the gallery. It will be open from 9 am to 12:30 pm and 4 to 8:30 pm.

**Cuban art show**  
UNTIL Jan 24: a collection of paintings by Cuban artists is on show at the Kuwait National Museum. Open from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 4 to 8:30 pm.

**Kuwait Society for Formative Arts**  
JAN 27 to Feb 9: The Kuwaiti Society for Formative Arts will hold the annual general exhibition, displaying art works by Kuwaiti and non-Kuwaiti plastic artists.

**THEATRE**

**Kuwait Players**  
Kuwait Players present Alice in Wonderland, a musical fantasy directed by Carol Jelley. It will be performed at the Universal American School, Salwa. Performances are as follows: Jan 25: (6:30 pm) family night; Jan 19/26: matinee (3 pm) and evening (7:30 pm). Jan 20: 3 pm, 5:30 pm. Jan 23: 5:30 pm; Madhatters Tea Party, followed by Alice in Wonderland. Jan 27: Final performance. Tickets — KD3 (adults) and KD2.50 (children). For reservations call 5726048. 5657749.

**Funkar Arts Group**  
JAN 27, 5 pm: The Indian theatre group, Funkar Arts will present two one-act plays. Bus Stop, a comedy and Second Trap, a suspense drama will be performed at the IAC. A dance show will also be held.

**IAC Drama Competition**  
IAC will hold an one-act play competition in the first half of May. All Indian groups can enter the competition. For details call 3904817 after 6:30 pm; Sharma — 2644863; Raman — 3903879.

## MUSIC

## Kuwait Singers

Rehearsals for the next Kuwait Singers concert will be held each Saturday and Monday from 7:30 pm at the Gulf English School. Past, current and new singers welcome. For details phone 3900922 or 5384873.

## CINEMA

## Children's film

JAN 25 (6 pm), Jan 26 (10:30 am): Robin Hood is the title of a film which will be shown at the British Council, Mansoura.

The animals tell their version of what really happened in Sherwood Forest, as the tale of the legendary English hero and his followers unfolds in this Walt Disney film. Duration: 80 minutes. Admission is free but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 2515512; 2533204.

## SOCIAL

## Bharati Kalai Mandram

JAN 20: IAC, Funaitees. The Bharati Kalai Mandram, a fine arts association of the Tamil-speaking community, will celebrate the Nehru centenary and Pongal, a harvest festival. A variety show featuring classical dances, drama and music will be held. For entry passes call 5331561.

## Kuwait Caledonians

FEB 2: The Caledonians will hold the Burns Night (Thursday) at the Messilah Beach Hotel. The guest from Scotland will be Jack Glenny. Tel: 5335082; 5332355; 5727691 ext. 253.

## Kuwait Rondeles

FEB 16: The Kuwait Rondeles Grand Ball '89 will be held at the Messilah Beach Hotel. Tickets are now available. Tel: 5337597.

## HOTELS

## At the International

The Spanish extravaganza continues at the Failaka Restaurant with Ballet Espanol, presented by the Paco de Alba Trio. Spanish food is also featured. The Spanish gala with classical dances such as Flamenco will be held on Jan 19.

La Palma is open for lunch and dinner from 12 noon to 3 pm. International cuisine including buffet featuring hors d'oeuvres buffet, hot buffet and desserts.

The Failaka Restaurant features lunch and dinner. The menu offers international cuisine. In the evenings, the all-ladies group from Poland, the Soft Two, will entertain guests.

## At the Messilah Beach

MUBARAKIYAH Restaurant: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

## At the Continental

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## At the Ramada

AL BENDAR Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Thursday's is BBQ Night at Le Mirage Night Club, with full buffet and entertainment by the

## Al Arzz Band

The Friday Family Brunch introduces cartoon characters on the ship's discovery; train tour of the hotel's garden and waterfront.

The Marina Takeaway Counter features a selection of sandwiches and snacks, 4 to 11 pm.

## At the Meridien

UNTIL JAN 26: Apple promotion at Al Fingan Tea Lounge; items on the menu include cocktails, cakes and pies.

Every Sunday: Mexican Night at La Brasserie. A wide selection of Mexican dishes are offered; menu includes tacos, nachos, paella and refried beans; live entertainment.

Versailles: offers a new concept in dining, featuring a selection of grilled seafood, meat or fish fondue and other dishes, open for lunch and dinner. Businessman's lunch is also featured.

Every Thursday is Jam Session at La Brasserie, featuring Remy D'Mello. Friday's, there is family fun with Oriental buff and music.

## At the SAS

AL BUSTAN Friday Brunch: for families from 11:30 am to 3 pm, highlights include music by Polish duo Danuta and Feliks and video corner for kids.

Peacock Room: Chinese meals prepared by chef Von Kwee Kiong. The menu features fried wanton, sauteed diced chicken with cashew nut and steak Chinese style.

Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetizers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.

## At the Pullman

ELYSEES Restaurant offers gourmet French meal; Al Shallal Coffee Shop features international and Arabic cuisine with live entertainment.

## SPORTS

## Football Tournament

JAN 20: Rising Stars seven-a-side one-day football tournament will be held at Al Sour Ground. Teams wishing to participate can contact Lawrence — Tel: 4832409/2657293; Eric — Tel: 3263800/5650466.

## Ahmed Kart Racing

JAN 20: Kart racing starts at Ahmed KOC track at 1:30 pm. Gates open to spectators. Entrance: 500 fils. All are welcome.

## PBAK Elections

JAN 20: 6 pm. The Philippine Bowlers Association in Kuwait will hold their annual general elections. All PBAK members are requested to attend. For details call Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 4843447.

## Second Filipino

JAN 20: 8:30 am: Zamboanga City vs Paranaque; San Juan vs Valenzuela; 11:30 am: Manila vs Las Pinas; Caloocan City vs Quezon City; 2:30 pm: Mandaluyong vs Baguio City; Cebu City vs Makati.

The tournament has been jointly sponsored by Dolanco and Holiday Inn.

## Laser Sailing

JAN 27: Start of Messilah Beach laser club's spring series.

Laser owners and others interested are welcome. For details contact David Clark: 4845171/2425947; P. Shepherd — 4841513/5314957; P. Berry — 3924174.

## Lost in Wonderland

THE adventures of a little girl named Alice, splendid costumes and sets and music drew a large crowd on the opening night of Kuwait's Players' musical Alice in Wonderland on Tuesday night. It is being staged at the UAS, Salwa.

Over 50 costumes were made for the musical, depicting the adventures of an ordinary little girl named Alice, who falls in a rabbit hole and enters a whole new "marvellous world, where everything is nonsense, because nothing is what it is because everything is what it isn't."

Eight-year-old Katie Nugent plays Alice. Sixteen children, including eight dancers from the Steps Studio, and 14 adults are acting in the musical, directed by Carol Jelley with music by Oliver Lister. The musical is based on Lewis Carroll's books.

## Weinzettl joins Sheraton

KUWAIT Sheraton Hotel's new Resident Manager Johanna Weinzettl took up his post in December last year. This is his first assignment in the Middle East.

Weinzettl, a graduate of hotel administration from the Tourism School in Salzburg, Austria, held several positions in hotels in Germany and in 1986 he joined the Munich Sheraton as the Rooms Division Manager. In April last year, Weinzettl became a manager at the Innsbruck Sheraton.

Weinzettl says he puts a strong emphasis on guest and believes in establishing a close relation between the guests and

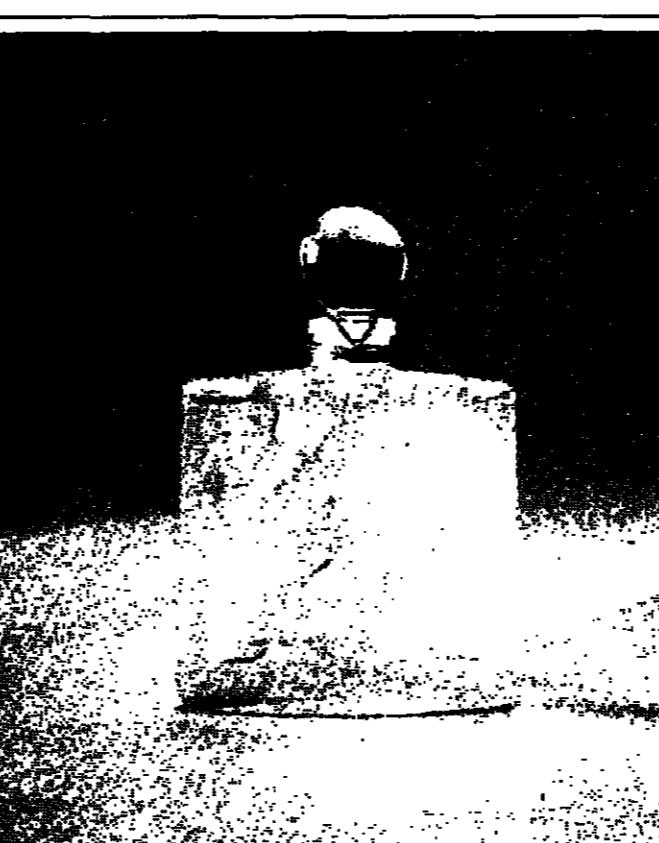
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Weinzettl is married and has a daughter.



● Ombre Bleue, a new perfume created by Jean-Charles Brosseau, has recently launched in the Kuwait market. Brosseau says his perfume is designed to "define a woman's individuality." It is a mixture of jasmine, rose, vanilla, geranium and a cocktail of exotic fruits such as mango, papaya and coconut and has a "modern fruity floral" aroma. Above: the perfume.

## CINEMA TODAY

## Al Andalus

Twinkle Twinkle Lucky Stars

Starring: Jackie Chan

## Al Samiya

Funoon centre

performance

## Al Hanra

The Come Back

Starring: Holly Palance, Jack Jones

## Drive-In

Yom Mar Yom Helu (Arabic)

Starring: Faten Hamama, Mohammad Muneer

## Al Firdous

Paap Ko Jala Kar Raakh

Kar Doonga (Hindi)

Starring: Dharmendra, Anita Raj, Govinda, Farah

## Fahsheel Open-Air

Pushpamala (Bengali)

Al Jaha

Asifcor Al Sharq (Arabic)

## Granada

Ninja Force

## Sulabikhat

Athinumappuram (Malayalam)

## Al Jeeb

Saat Saal Baad (Hindi)

Govinda stars in the Hindi film now showing at the Al Firdous cinema.

Almadi Drive-In

Zoj Tahbi Al Talib (Arabic)

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Al Jahra

Tiger Shark

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Project 'A'

## Sulabikhat

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## Al Jeeb

Bulandi (Hindi)

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran

9.15 Dabdoob Al Musiqi: cartoon serial

9.45 Tum Tek Wa Atfal

10.15 Documentary/Varities

10.45 Return from the Country: English film; starring Jim Burton; Gilbert Fisher

12.00 Al Zankalooni: Arabic serial

1.00 News

1.05 World today via satellite

1.40 Festival of Music: directed by Hassan Sarasa.

2.30 Sports in a Week: a weekly programme focussing on local and world sports.

4.45 Cartoons

## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

ALWAYS do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest — Mark Twain, US writer-humorist (1835-1910).

## Fear still grips Sri Lankan town

By Felzai Samath

ANGUNAKOLAPELASSA, Sri Lanka, (Reuters): Three months after left-wing guerrillas left a trail of destruction in this southern Sri Lankan town, people are back on the streets and shops are in business.

Farmers work in rain-swept rice fields, students dash to the playground after classes. Peace has returned to Angunakolapella, a stronghold of the left-wing People's Liberation Front (JVP).

But fear still grips the residents of the agricultural outpost, 230 km (140 miles) south of Colombo.

Strangers are viewed with suspicion. "Who is he? What is he doing here," a man asks a resident who spoke to me earlier.

The government says things have returned to normal in the south since Ranasinghe Premadasa won last month's presidential election as the ruling party's candidate.

Premadasa promised to restore the peace shattered by Tamil and Sinhalese guerrillas on the Indian Ocean island and to ensure smooth parliamentary elections on Feb 15.

"A new era of peace has begun," a government official said.

## Emergency

On Wednesday, Premadasa ended a state of emergency in force for more than five years to contain a campaign by minority Tamils for a separate state and more recently to answer the JVP threat. The Defence Ministry said security had improved.

Half an hour after the emergency ended at midnight, JVP gunmen struck. Two soldiers and a civilian driver were killed and four soldiers wounded in an ambush at Hinganai, a short distance away.

On Friday at least seven people, many of whom had worked during the election, were killed in the south. Four more died on Saturday. The Front blamed for the murders of more than 800 government supporters in the past year, had threatened to kill voters.

A security official at Matara to the west said the JVP was likely to regroup and relaunch its campaign of terror and destruction, because security had been relaxed.

The scars of JVP violence are still visible. Uprooted telephone poles and broken cables lay on the roadside as reminders of the pre-election unrest.

## Growing lore of Palestinian uprising

By Sharon Waxman

NABLUS, West Bank, (Reuters): The pillowcase where Ahmed Mashharawi rested his bloodied head before he was buried is framed in his family's living room, surrounded by plaques with his picture and Palestinian flags.

The room is like a shrine and the pillowcase is marked with a wavy blood stain that looks like Arabic writing.

Believers say God miraculously caused letters to appear and that they read: "Shuhadat Allah, Allahu Akbar" (Martyr of God, God is Great).

Mashharawi died after an Israeli soldier shot him in the head in October during unrest in his neighbourhood. Friends said he was carrying an outlawed Palestinian flag.

The 13-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip has given birth to a host of such stories, anchored in popular belief.

As strikes, curfew and daily confrontations with the Israeli Army permeate Palestinians' lives, the folklore of the uprising has taken root and spread.

Here are other examples:

A Palestinian baby was born in Kuwait in October with its fingers stubbornly stuck in the 'V' for victory sign flashed by Arab children in the occupied territories as a sign of protest.

Mohamed Abu Aker, 17, shot and critically wounded in the stomach during a demonstration in Deheishe refugee camp in August, defies medical logic by living with virtually no intestines.

Residents of the village of Beit

## Helping the airlines

SIR: For the Civil Aviation Department to state that air fares will be increased from April 1 to provide better services to passengers is nothing but hogwash. Could they specify in what way service will be improved? Whether by enforcing 20 kg baggage allowance or by grossly limiting passengers' hand luggage? From passengers' point of view it is a "tails you win, heads I lose" situation.

When there is so much talk about co-operation and

## A logical appeal

SIR: Vincent De Souza's appeal for a review of Indian customs free baggage allowance is timely and pertinent.

This merits immediate attention of all Indian associations and full backing of the Indian embassy. An appeal should then be made to the concerned authorities through members of parliament.

If, however, for any reason this appeal does not evoke any response from the Indian associations in Kuwait, then De Souza should initiate a movement and I am confident all Indians will rally behind him.

The Indian government in the name of foreign technology extends wide range of import facilities to business tycoons. Hence, the demand of non-resident Indians, who substantially help the country is logical.

Alexander M. Fernandes, Salmyia.

unification among the GCC states, why don't the airlines of these countries get together and unify their prices? But it will never be done as this will be detrimental to the Kuwait Airways because tickets even of KAC and two other airlines last year for trying to increase their fares, people were ecstatic in their praise for the department. Now the bouquets will turn into brickbats and only airlines' people and travel agents smile.

Laws should be made for the good of the majority and not for a handful of business operators. When the Civil Aviation clamped down on KAC and two other airlines last year for trying to increase their fares, people were ecstatic in their praise for the department. Now the bouquets will turn into brickbats and only airlines' people and travel agents smile.

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I hope the new labour law will eliminate these part-time workers especially in the news media.

S. Samanti, Safat.

## Let history judge Bhutto

SIR: I refer to Saqib Khalil's letter "Bhutto is not a martyr," (AT, Jan 12-13) where he objects to the former Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto being called a martyr on the grounds that he was executed as a "convicted murderer."

It's not necessary for Benazir to go to the courts and have her father's name cleared. Let history and public opinion be the judge, not courts whose decisions are too often influenced by political expediency.

Nazli Akbar, Safat.

(Name and address supplied)

## Untrained newscasters

SIR: I am surprised that Syed Manzar Alam found only four words wrongly pronounced. That's the minimum for every news reader.

This is because KTV news readers are not trained for their jobs. Love of money makes even officers of ministries and banks look for part-time work at nights at KTV 2.

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Phillip Innes, Safat.

## Absurd comparison

SIR: I refer to A. Veronica Fernandes' letter "Justice meted out," (AT, Jan 12-13). It is absurd to compare the aftermath of the assassinations of Indira Gandhi and Robert Kennedy.

Indira Gandhi was the prime minister of India and was assassinated by an Indian in India, whereas Robert Kennedy was only a senator assassinated by a foreigner in America.

If a foreigner had assassinated Indira in India, the government of India too would have taken as many security measures as are generally taken under such circumstances. After all, how many Palestinian

right person to raise this issue with the concerned authorities. It will definitely help a lot of poor ailing patients.

Siddique Vallyakath, Safat.

## Excellent Tamil play

SIR: The Tamil play staged at the Indian Arts Circle on Jan 6 was extremely good. I have not seen a Tamil play staged in Kuwait during the last 10 years. The play had many positive points.

It started punctually, which is a rare achievement. The scene settings and stage management were of high standard. Though there were many acts, the doctor can know about the disease of a patient.

When I told my friends about it, all of them said they had similar experiences too and that what precisely is to be expected from government clinics.

I believe that Zahid Matar is



were very beautiful and appropriate.

The scene changes did not bore the audience. The performers set a precedence by staging a good play. All the credit goes to the director C.K.V. Raman. We expect many more good plays from them in future.

Balachandran, Salmyia.

SIR: For a long time the Tamil community in Kuwait had been longing for good programmes and the staging of C.K.V. Raman's "Unmamira umi vila enna" has satisfied that urge.

The amateurs who acted in the drama acted better than professionals. The acting of driver Thomas and Raman was excellent. The emotional scene of Masila Muni was unforgettable. The audience did not move from their seats till the end of the drama. On behalf of the Tamil community in Kuwait I congratulate the entire troupe for staging a good play.

Kader S.M. Safat.

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## Reagan leaves office after lambasting the 'Washington colony'

By Charlotte Salkowski

WASHINGTON: Exit: Ronald Reagan, government basher. Enter: George Bush, government stroker.

As the President leaves office lambasting the "Washington colony," the President-elect is

sending signals that suggest he will be more accommodating. His overtures to Congress, fence-mending with political rivals and special-interest groups, and cabinet lineup all suggest that the country could be in for a new era of conciliation and bipartisanship.

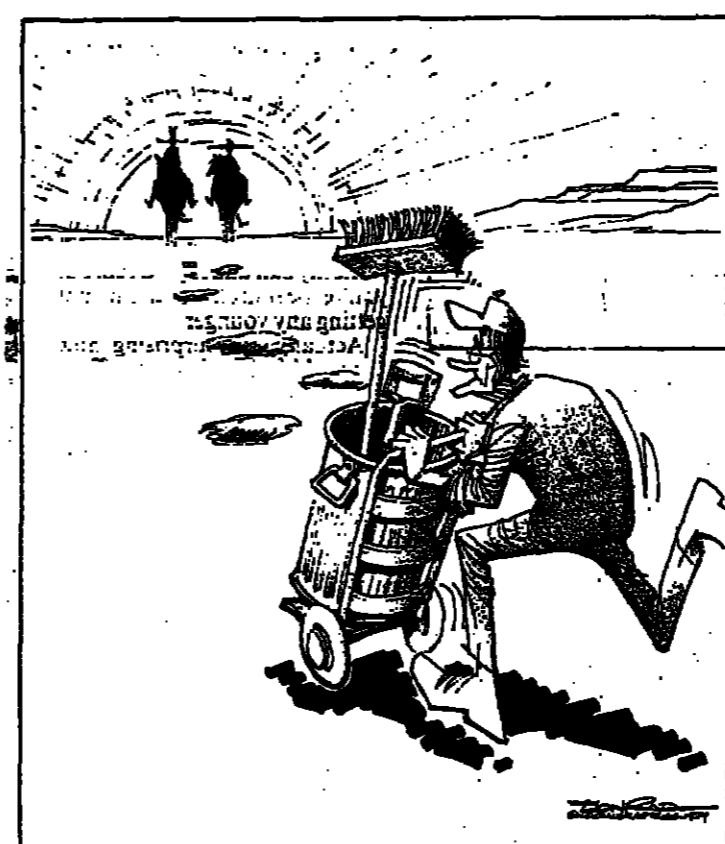
"It's a strange phenomenon that the Bush administration may wind up being more popular with the Democratic majority on the Hill and less so with Republicans," says John Sears, a former Reagan campaign official and GOP consultant.

Angunakolapella residents said the JVP had wide support among the town's students.

"This is the worst affected area in the district and though things are quiet, the JVP is still there watching and waiting," a journalist said.

People speak in whispers to travellers. "The JVP knows when strangers are in town and whom they meet," the journalist said, looking over my shoulder at curious onlookers.

## US in for a new era of conciliation



gest that there is a two-tier cabinet, with white males named to the dominant positions and women, a black, and other minorities filling posts that traditionally have less influence and power.

"There's an 'inner cabinet' and 'outer cabinet,'" says presidential scholar Thomas Cronin, who uses these phrases in his book "The State of the Presidency." "Bush knows his inner circle well but not the others as much."

Bush bridled when asked about this at a recent news conference.

"I think that's crazy," the President-elect said. "Absolutely absurd. And I think it's denigrating to the labour movement to suggest that, the health problems of this country to suggest that, the great conservation problems of this country to suggest that, and all the great transportation needs of the country to suggest that."

However the lines of influence emerge, Bush has picked people who are problem-solvers and do not view government with distaste. "The cabinet is based on people who are much like Bush himself — they have an interest in governing," comments Roger Porter, a former Reagan aide.

Although the conservative right is worried that Bush may become too accommodating, the President-elect has won widespread bipartisan approval of his cabinet choices and more benign approach to government.

The mean-spiritedness of the campaign is not the real Bush," says Dr Cronin, a Democrat. "If you read the George Bush that ran in '80 he's not a strident, grandstanding ideologue."

Democratic lawmakers, for their part, are making conciliatory noises, voicing hope the Bush administration will open the way for more bipartisanship.

Respect

"Fundamentally the difference will be a basic regard and respect for the legislative branch on the part of Bush," House Speaker Jim Wright said recently. "He's more inclined to be accommodating and practical than rigid and inflexible and ideological ... Bush is wise enough to choose things that work and I think he's wise enough to listen."

A Washington insider virtually his whole life, Bush clearly has thought about cabinet government and how it should function. For example, he has removed the posts of UN ambassador and director of the Central

## American tradition of inaugural speeches

By David E. Anderson

WASHINGTON. (UPI): President-elect George Bush will be following inaugural tradition on Friday when he expresses his humility at election, invokes God, urges unity and sets out the principles — perhaps a "gentler, kinder nation" — he expects to be secretary of defence.

Bush has put together a cabinet characterized by a number of features:

• The selection of Jack Kemp to be secretary of housing and urban development is a concession to the conservative right and to "Main Street" Republicanism (Kemp ardently urges dealing with poverty and other urban problems). But many key players, including Secretary of the Treasury Nicholas Brady and Commerce Secretary-designate Robert Mosbacher are more Wall Street-style Republicans, who are sceptical of the right. Many were also children of privilege, educated in elite schools and Ivy League colleges.

• The cabinet and cabinet-level appointments have diversity and mix. There are two women (Carla Hills as US special trade representative and Elizabeth Dole as secretary of labour), one black (Dr Louis Sullivan as secretary of health and human services), and two Hispanics (Lauro Cavazos as secretary of education and Rep. Manuel Lujan as secretary of the interior). There are also a number with experience in the Congress, including Representative Lujan; former Rep. Edward Derwinski, who will be secretary of veterans affairs; and former Sen. John Tower, named to be secretary of defence.

Some political analysts sug-

gest expenses, enabled us to dis-

continue our internal taxes."

America's peaceful intentions to the rest of the world has also been a consistent theme of inaugural addresses, beginning with Madison, on the eve of the War of 1812 stating as his principle "to cherish peace and friendly intercourse with all nations having correspondent dispositions," through Richard Nixon, as the nation became mired in Vietnam, declaring, "the greatest honour history can bestow is the title of peacemaker. This honour now beckons America."

Peaceful

Underscoring America's civil religion that links the nation's destiny with transcendent purposes, the most common theme running through the 200 years of speeches, is the invocation or reverential reference to some form of transcendent, whether it be the "Christian God" of John Adams, the "deist providence" of Thomas Jefferson or the vague "giver of good," as Theodore Roosevelt defined it.

Almost as pervasive a touchstone is the theme, first sounded by Thomas Jefferson in 1805 at his second inaugural, and more recently by Ronald Reagan in 1981 called "our punitive tax burden." Even then criticizing big government, Jefferson told his fellow citizens, "the suppression of unnecessary offices, of useless establishments

over the years, the inaugural address has come to set the tone of an administration, linking the incoming president with his predecessors, and it is likely that that of George Bush, coming precisely 200 years later in the tradition, will do no less.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1493 — France and Spain sign Treaty of Barcelona; Maximilian, king of the Romans, saves Germany from French invasion at battle of Salinas.

1649 — Trial of England's King Charles I begins.

1795 — French forces overrun Holland.

1812 — British forces under Duke of Wellington take Ciudad Rodrigo in Spain.

1859 — France and Sardinia sign treaty of alliance.

1918 — Bolsheviks dissolve Russian constitutional assembly in Petrograd.

1938 — General Francisco Franco's Nationalist Air Force bombs Spanish cities of Barcelona and Valencia, killing 700 people.

1945 — Soviet troops take Cracow, Poland, in World War II.

1956 — Sudan joins Arab League as ninth member.

1960 — United States and Japan sign treaty of mutual security.

1966 — India's new Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi, pledges to follow path of nonalignment in world affairs.

1974 — Five Russians, including a senior diplomat and two other members of Soviet embassy staff, are expelled from China on charges of espionage.

1975 — Britain and Irish Republican Army announce first direct negotiations since start of guerrilla activity in Northern Ireland five years earlier.

ONE of the busiest periods for marriage counsellors is directly after a presidential election. Nerves are raw and the wounds are deep.

That's the way it was when the Clydesteins walked into Dr Orange Gimlet's office.

"What seems to be the trouble?" asked Dr Gimlet.

"I'm finished with this marriage," Mrs Clydestein told him. "I decided I can't stand the heat and I want to get out of the kitchen."

"What did he do wrong?"

"Well, for starters, every time we've gone somewhere during the last three months he's called me by my 'L' name."

Mr Clydestein said, "I only called her the 'L' name during the Republican Convention when she jumped up and down on our bed and shouted, 'Where was George?'"

Dr Gimlet reassured them, "So far you sound like a very normal couple. I haven't heard anything to warrant a split-up."

"He's a brute," Mrs Clydestein said. "I asked him what if a store clerk took my credit card and forgot to return it, should that salesman get the death penalty? Mr Conservative responded that there was

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### Marriage blending

no other choice. I don't want to spend the rest of my life with someone who is so lacking in compassion for his fellow man."

"And I don't want to live with a bleeding heart," Mr Clydestein added. "She claims that the only reason Willie Horton got into so much trouble was because Dan Quayle refused to play golf with him on weekends."

Dr Gimlet said, "There seems to be a slight ideological breakdown between the two of you. Can you pinpoint the moment when you started drifting apart?"

"There is," added Mrs Clydestein. "It's a question of competence. Things really fell apart for us when I mentioned to my husband that I didn't want to be married to a man who got turned on by dirty commercials."

Mr Clydestein replied, "I'm willing to try if she will just stop yelling when she goes to bed. Don't forget to turn out the thousand points of light, dummy."

Mr Clydestein said, "All she has against Bush is his shrillness. If she listened to what his handlers had to say, instead of reading George's lips, she would know what Bush will do for



this country."

Dr Gimlet told them, "All right, I've heard your passionate pleas, and I must say that each of you has strong arguments. But the election is over and whether you like it or not, you both have to live with the same President for the next four years. This means that you must forget all the cheap shots and think about the kinder, gentler world that George Bush promised every American. Are you prepared to do this?"

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Los Angeles Times Syndicate

## By Linda Gillard

WELL, it only took me 30 years to get around to it. I'm not one to rush into things, you understand. I wait until the moment is ripe before making my leaps into the unknown.

I am now the proud wearer of a pair of soft contact lenses and I am looking forward to a new life with enthusiasm for this miraculous invention.

They never thought I'd do it if you see (frankly, neither did I), and yet here I am with nothing between me and the outside world but two slivers of plastic.

My eyes are not red, they don't water, nor do I look as if I am trying to send a message in Morse code using the blink reflex.

In fact, I would venture to say, that you would not know I was wearing them — at least you wouldn't if I could keep my mouth shut about them for five minutes.

Every day there is a new "first" for me. The other day I had a shower with my lenses in. (Not an experience I would recommend wholeheartedly — I can live without seeing my cellulite in sharp focus).

Then there was the moment when I looked up from the table having inserted my lenses for the first time and saw myself in the mirror, clearly and from a distance, without make-up, red-eyed and blinking.

It was a moment of truth I shall never forget. Had there been an orchestra present it would have played *Also sprach Zarathustra*.

I am now having to come to terms with myself as others see me. I can now see what my husband wakes up with every morning and I think he deserves a medal.

You see I have been very short-sighted all my life so I have led a sheltered existence. First thing in the morning and last thing at night my eyes have drawn a tacit veil over the shortcomings of my appearance and so I am forming a brand new acquaintance with open pores, wrinkles and flaking skin.

One of the virtues of large-framed, tinted spectacles — and there are not many — is that they disguise a large portion of your face.

For the last 20 years I have believed that the *only* thing stan-

## Clear vision



ding between me and Robert Redford was my specs, and that were I to remove them he — and doubtless many others — would fall at my feet.

With the arrival of lenses, however, I realise that the main thing wrong with my face is my face. I hadn't realised that my glasses concealed the shadows under my eyes and broke up the lines of my overlarge nose and too-long face.

Oh, yes, it has been a time of reckoning in the my household. I confronted myself in the mirror and examined the bags under my eyes. Perhaps I would look better if I smiled? Sadly, no. The bags merely gathered up under my eyes like festoon blinds. Never mind, the worst is over. I have faced the Awful Truth, now all I have to do is learn to live with it. After all, what is physical beauty? A mere bauble. What has it ever done for Meryl Streep?

By now you may be wondering why I am so enthusiastic about my lenses. Have I simply discovered a streak of latent masochism in my psyche?

No, the advantages do in fact outweigh the disadvantages. To begin with — and this is my most surprising discovery — they are far more comfortable than my glasses. In a favourable environment (i.e. not too hot or dry) I look at them at all. My glasses slid down my nose constantly

and I was conscious of them sitting on my ears even after 30 years' wear.

I could see them too and my world was framed by ovals of pinky-brown plastic which of course also limited the range of my vision. On the grounds of comfort alone I would not return to my glasses.

I had expected that I would have to accustom myself to the sensation of having a mole in my eye — or even a plank — but that has not been the case. My awareness of them is minimal, even at the end of the day. (This could lead to problems. I can imagine that it would be easy to forget to take them out at night. This would not be disastrous for my eyes, but it is not recommended.) The lenses are so light that they are difficult to see and feel, either in their case or in my eyes. Momentarily distracted one day while I was putting them on I thought I had one lens in and only one in the case. Panic ensued while we looked for the missing lens and I poked about in my eye trying to see if it was actually there. We eventually found it on carpet. That's how comfortable they are.

Now I can also see to put my make-up on. Yes, it is possible to apply eyeshadow and mascara after inserting the lenses, although powder eyeshadow is not

recommended. Now there is some point in this artistic endeavour because people can actually see my handiwork. In fact, I have learned that I have to wear far less eye make-up now that my eyes are not obscured by a quarter of an inch of tinted glass.

Another delightful spin-off is that I feel I can wear a wider variety of clothes. I have never gone in for glamorous evening wear — Scarlett O'Hara ballgowns and *Dynasty* glitter — because I thought the overall effect would be ruined by my glasses.

Glitter for me hitherto has been jeans and a clean T-shirt. Now I am raring to go — over the top most probably — but I don't care. I've spent years waiting for someone to remove my glasses, ruffle my hair and say "Gosh, but you're beautiful" and I'm not getting any younger.

Actually, it's surprising how exposed I feel having cast off my spectacles. I realise how much of a screen my glasses were, useful for concealing boredom, irritation and general mental vacuity. I now feel exposed to public scrutiny and it's not a comfortable feeling, but merely temporary I'm sure.

As for the actual routine of lens wearing, almost everyone who doesn't wear lenses shudders and exclaims: "Oh, I couldn't cope about in my eyes like that!" Certainly, I felt a little squeamish myself to begin with. However it looks far worse than it really is. I have suffered far more discomfort poking myself in the eye with a mascara brush.

Lenses are not for the half-hearted, even the ultra-comfortable soft lenses. They are not cheap to buy or maintain. The lenses themselves need replacing about every two years, but in price they compare favourably with a pair of glasses. If you replace your glasses every couple of years as some people do this is not a major consideration.

The leaflet that came with my lenses offers the following advice: "Don't have soft lenses if you cannot afford the time or money to look after them properly." I would go along with that.

My eyes have waited 30 years for their liberation. Well, better late than never.

## FAMILY DOCTOR By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM MENTAL DISORDER RESULTS IN MULTIPLE PERSONALITIES

QUESTION: After watching a recent television show about a person with several different personalities, I began to wonder if such people really exist. It made for interesting watching, but the whole thing seemed quite bizarre. Would you please provide some clarifications?

ANSWER: It's a fascinating area of mental care, and yes, such patients do exist. The condition is called Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD) and reports of such cases are appearing with ever-increasing frequency in medical literature.

Perhaps the clearest number is the result of more clearly defined guidelines that make the diagnosis a bit easier, but by no means simple. One of four conditions in the class of dissociative disorders, the patient with MPD will display characteristics and expressions of separate and different personalities or identities.

Each personality has its own story and life experiences, but will not remember the events that occurred in another identity's existence. Physicians may use four types of signs to help identify such patients: physiological, psychological, behavioural

and environmental.

For example, when there is a history of wide ranges in blood pressure, or blood sugar levels from visit to visit (physiological findings), physicians may be alerted to the possibility of MPD. Psychological signs include significant time lapses or lack of memory for past serious illnesses.

A patient's behaviour may manifest changes by alterations in voice tone or sound, or the way he or she stands or walks. Environmental signs are sought in the history of traumatic life events, child abuse or changes in home situations and locations. The treatment of such complex disorders requires specially trained individuals who can understand and deal with the particular needs of these complicated patients.

QUESTION: I recently had the same examination as President Reagan, and doctors discovered that I also have polyps in my colon. My doctor removed them. Does this mean they are cancerous?

ANSWER: You and many others share this condition with the president. Polyps of the colour are most commonly found in the

digestive tract. There are two types of polyps, pedunculated (attached by a thin stem or stalk) or sessile (attached to the wall of the intestine by a broad base). Although they occur as a single lesion in most patients, some individuals with an inherited syndrome may have literally hundreds of polyps growing. The most common type of colon polyps are classified as hyperplastic (excessive growth of normal tissue) or as adenomas (benign growths of glandular tissue).

While hyperplastic polyps probably remain benign, adenomas are considered to be precancers. Because of the risk of leaving any possible cancerous growth behind, all polyps are removed and then classified.

You will have to ask your doctor for the tissue report of your polyps to find out just what they were, but the probability is that they were benign, and your operation prevented a dangerous cancer from occurring. And, as I so frequently write here, prevention is just about the best kind of medicine there is.

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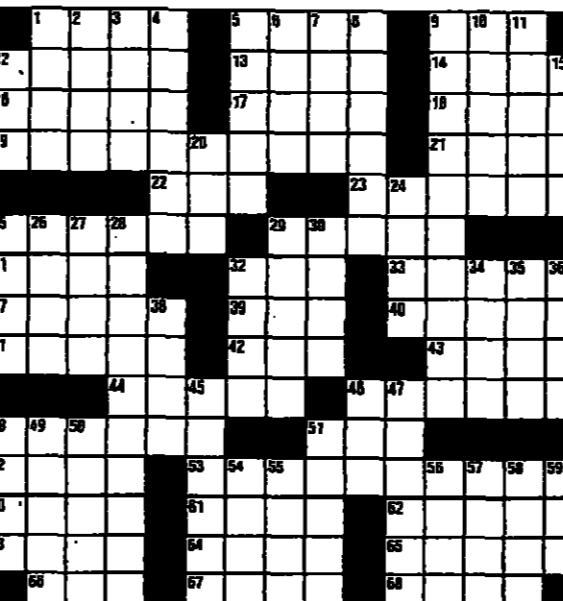
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## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦ QJ73 ♦ Q9 ♦ KJ982  
The bidding has proceeded:  
West North East South  
1 ♠ Dbl Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

A.—When partner makes a takeout double of a major, he guarantees the other major or a very powerful hand. Therefore, you should respond in your four-card major rather than the five-card minor. And two hearts is an underbid — make the invitational jump to three hearts.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦ AQJ76 ♦ Void ♦ A10843 ♦ KQ5  
Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

A.—You jump shift only with one of two types of hand. Either you have a self-sufficient suit of your own, or excellent support for partner. Neither is the case here, so simply respond one spade. You can show your power with a jump shift or high reverse into diamonds at your next turn.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:  
♦ AQJ76 ♦ Void ♦ A10843 ♦ KQ5  
The bidding has proceeded:  
West North East South  
1 ♠ 1 ♠ Pass ?  
What do you bid now?

A.—For his vulnerable overcall, partner must have a reasonable hand. Therefore, you want to communicate to him that you have a powerful hand in case big things are in store. Tell him of your strength by cue-bidding two diamonds. Note that that doesn't promise control

## CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

Two big hits, ten moderate successes and scores of flops

## Indian film industry in the doldrums

By Firoze Rangoonwala

WHAT kind of a year did 1988 prove in the long history of Indian cinema? After all, it was the year in which the film industry wanted to celebrate (but never did) the Platinum Jubilee of film production, dating back from Raja Harischandra, made 75 years ago.

It was the year in which the film world lost Raj Kapoor, leaving a void which can never be filled. It was also the year in which 142 Hindi films were released all over India, of which only two were big hits, about ten moderately successful and the rest gigantic flops.

The approximate figure of films produced all over India is around 770, while the total number of Hindi films that were certified were 180, the biggest so far.

There were cries of crisis and doom and closures all throughout the year. In spite of that a record number of new films were started with much pomp and circumstance. There was no end to the round of film parties. Obviously, a lot of dubious money was flowing into the industry and the government turned a blind eye in an indirect effort to unearth the black wealth and make it flow.

In several cases, there was obviously no intention to produce the films launched so lavishly, as they were forgotten soon after.

The only idea was to shine and enjoy a brief spell in the limelight and show losses of income to save tax. Almost anybody became a producer by making this kind of arrangement with a financier.

Meanwhile, several old established banners were closed down during the year. And the poor quality and results of *Ganga Jamuna Saraswati* gave a parting kick to the closing year, as did *Shahenshah* to the beginning of the year.

Explaining why this magnum opus was not taking off, a trade paper said: "The story is nothing new, the screenplay is loose and unconvincing and sequences look so artificial that the cinegoer feels let down and cheated."

Well, these are the reasons that can be applied to almost all the major films which failed in the year. Not only the cinegoers but the distributors and trade people felt even more cheated on seeing that the films sold at big prices per zone were hardly recovering the money.

This was the year which showed the first danger signals, of buyers not touching films, of agreements being floated openly and cheques bouncing.

## Sickness

The economic sickness of the film industry can be seen from 250 completed films lying unsold and about 400 held up after ten to twelve reels were shot. It seems that this industry functions and breathes only on hope and gambler's luck. Everyone is taking a chance.

Nobody knows what will succeed, but something somewhere does become paying and the wheels start moving again. In 1988, the push was provided by two real box-office smashers, *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak* and *Teesab* overcoming all the hurdles of video, cable TV and regular TV and not using any artificial respiration. One was a pure love story and the other an action film with catchy music.

These two showed that there is still a big audience lying dormant, which do not own TV's on videos or do not like what they

Flop of the year: Amitabh and Jaya Prada in *Ganga Jamuna Saraswati*Madhuri Dixit performs the much-acclaimed dance and song number in *Teesab*, 'Ek, do, teen, char.'

see on them. They also proved that if a film is fresh and strong, then video will only provide a further incentive for people to go

and enjoy it on the big screen.

They indicated that stars and success don't go together, as both these hits had new or second-

grade artistes, while the massive flops carried all the top stars.

They also reminded all over again that the foundation of a likable film is an unusual, gripping script and the mystic whiff of loveliness.

Among the releases which got a fair degree of success, keeping the cash registers ringing and the trade people laughing were *Dariya Dil*, *Pyar Ka Mandir*, *Paap Ki Dunya*, *Waaris*, *Kaalchakra Chatran*, *Haty*, *Ghar Ghar Ki Kahani*, *Khoon Bharai Maang*, *Zakhmi Aurat*, *Maalamaal* and *Andha Yudh*. At the end of the year, *Qaill* was promising to be a good grosser, though a clear picture was not available for last week's releases at the time of writing. Many of the above were family dramas of the tear-jerking type and mostly women-dominated.

In fact, the heroine showed a clear edge above the hero, with Rekha, Dimple, Jaya Prada and the late Smita carrying off the whole thing admirably with the males in a negative or supporting image. *Paap Ki Dunya* mixed crime and action well with the family base. *Waaris* showed the force of good literature. *Chatran* was only a Hindi dubbed version of an interesting Japanese film about a cat's adventures. *Khoon Bharai Maang* and *Zakhmi Aurat*



Last year's biggest success: Aamir Khan and Juhi Chawla

## Behind the screen

dubbing of *Ganga Jamuna Saraswati*. This stands out oddly in the film. Of course Mithun denies it. But inside sources say that a mimic had to be called to speak Mithun's dialogue in many scenes. So now he speaks in two voices.

Vinod Khanna is again reported to be psycho-sick after the disaster of *Dayavan*. He seems to be going back to the post-Rajneesh stage of mental confusion. He behaves strangely at times and cannot speak his dialogue clearly before the camera. Photographs of the "House Full" boards for *Dayavan* also did not cure him. He knew they were fake and the box-office figures told a different story.

On *New Delhi*, the political film, *Jeetendra* got so carried away that a commercial radio programme promoting the film was announced in the daily newspapers as: "Jeetendra will address the nation tonight on *Vividh Bharat*." One cannot imitate the highest authorities in the land, and that too with a poor film.

Dharmendra: no sympathy for his late cousin, killed by terrorists



Mithun and Amitabh: on bad terms with each other

Special to the Arab Times

reversed the trend of male anger and revenge.

*Andha Yudh* was the only anti-establishment film to succeed, with a political colouring, starring Raj Babbar (a supporter of the opposition). *Haty* was well-made suspense stuff with sentiments of a child. *Maalamaal* was a tolerable comedy with new ideas and attractions like Sunil Gavaskar. *Kaalchakra* was the 'tough' film of the streets and the hoodlum boys.

*Teesab* also followed N. Chandra's formula of *Anokha* but mixed it with music, romance, action, the innocent charm of the young heroine Madhuri and the oft-repeated song *Ek, do, teen, char* which became the year's sensation. The film reminds of the old *Filmistan* hits made with Dilip Kumar and Kamini Kaushal. *Qayamat* also had many lovely songs, a new hero Aamir Khan who became a teenage idol, a delicate heroine Juhi and lots of sentiments.

Judging the star ratings by the hits, Amitabh alone is bound to ride high due to *Teesab*. Aamir has already signed several films, but he has to prove himself and not go the way of Kumar Gaurav.

## Established

Madhuri and Juhi both need more maturity to reach the A grade. From the established stars, Jaya Prada, Mithun, Govinda, Amrita, Neelam, Sunny, Chunky, Raj Babbar and character artistes Amrish Puri, Kader Khan, Pran, Gulshan Grover, Shakti Kapoor, Danny, Prem Chopra, Nirupa Roy, Suresh Oberoi, Sadashiv Amrapurkar, Kabir Bedi and Anupam Kher will keep going on the strength of the above stated hits. Rekha and Dimple alone will have more solo films.

But what about the other big stars? Going down on the scale are Dharmendra, Jeetendra, Sri Devi, Jackie, Mandakini, Nasiruddin, Farha, Sujata Mehta, Sonam and even Meenakshi Sheshadri. Steady were Rishi Kapoor and Shatrughan Sinha despatched to four flops.

The real blow was suffered by the top stalwarts. Amitabh will no longer command the one-crore price and all-India business running into several crores. Vinod Khanna has been struck down with just one *Dayavan*.

What will happen to more than twenty films being held by each hero? Raj Kumar is no longer a safe bet and Rajesh Khanna almost out of reckoning. Dilip Kumar has not been active but may spring back. Among composers, Laxmikant Pyarelal, Bappi Lahiri and Annu Malik will remain on the charts.

The industry would never recover the shocks of flops like *Sone Pe Suhaga* (with one dozen stars), *Mahaveera*, *Sacchid*, *Tamasha*, *Falak*, *Kasam*, *Zalim*, *Sherni*, *Ram Avtar*, *Kabzaa*, *Kanwarlal*, *Vijay*, *Waqi ki Awaz*, *Gurhaonka Faisla*, *Sagar Sangam*, *Ganga Tere Desh Mein*, *Hero Hiralal*, *Mar Mitenge*, *Agnee*, *Dharamyudh* and *New Delhi* apart from a hundred other failures. Of course, the biggest disappointments were *Dayavan*, *Ganga Jamuna Saraswati*, *Shahenshah*, and the multi-stars which were expected to do miracles.

A left-handed consolation for the gloomy year may be derived from the dubbed films which were cheap and did quick business. They were mostly re-done from films made in the South and accounted for as many as twenty of the total. The trade found them more safe than new films.

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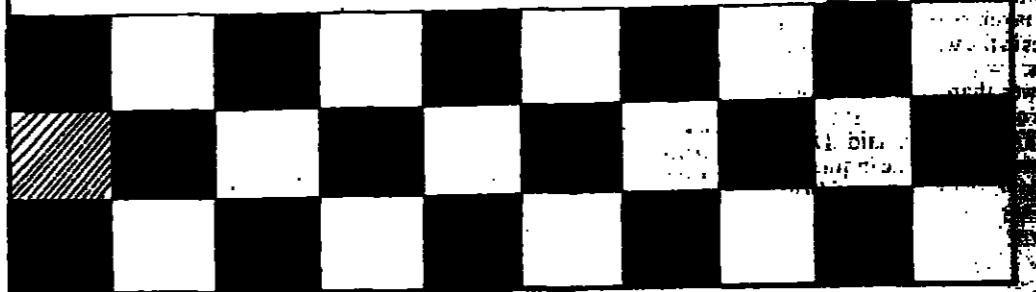
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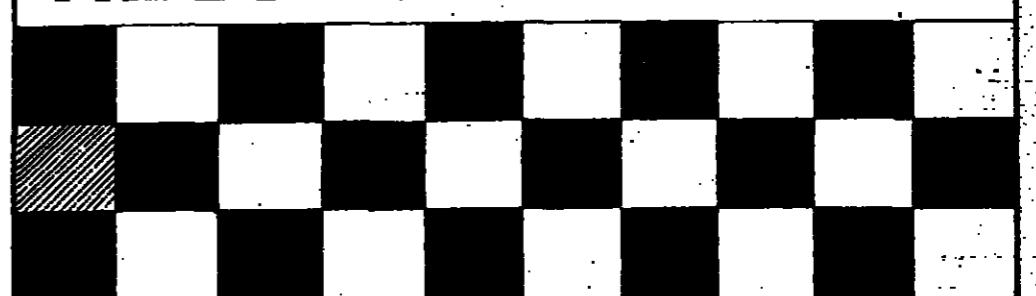
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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

Muscat banking on exploration to boost reserves

## Oman hopes for new oil finds to ride out market storms

MUSCAT, Jan 18. (Reuters): Omanis are scouring their mountainous Gulf state for fresh oil reserves to steer their economy through the fluctuations of world petroleum prices.

But after sharply lower crude prices in recent years, prospects are looking up for the country, which relies on oil for three-quarters of its revenues.

It has based its 1989 budget on an oil price of around \$12.50 a barrel, yet its crude is currently trading around \$2.50 above that on international markets.

Chance

"We believe there is a chance of an increase in price (in 1989), but not much... if the price of oil goes to \$15 or \$16, we will be very glad," Oil Minister Said Bin Ahmed Al Shafnari said in an interview with Reuters.

**UK urged to encourage independent oil sector**

LONDON, Jan 18. (Reuters): A parliamentary energy committee today urged the British government to encourage Britain's independent oil sector, principally through taxation and licensing policies.

"These companies... deserve encouragement," the committee said in a report.

The committee decided early last year to examine the independent oil sector after a number of important independent oil firms were taken over by larger companies in the wake of a drop in oil prices.

Fewer than half the independents of 1982-83 were still active in 1987, the report said. Despite these setbacks the inquiry was going on the number of British independent oil companies declined from 31 to 30.

Evidence

The committee received evidence from British Energy Minister Peter Morrison and representatives of the association of British independent oil exploration companies (Brinex).

"Our conclusion is that the sector is an important national resource, which should be maintained... and developed," said committee chairman Ian Lloyd at a news conference.

The committee urged a re-examination of tax arrangements for British oil companies. Under the current fiscal system, tax incentives favour large companies and disadvantage the smaller independent firms, the report said.

The committee supported proposals from Brinex to restore tax relief for onshore oil exploration and appraisal.

The report also called for a thorough examination of licensing policies, which Brinex said were operating to the independent companies' disadvantage.

## Iran to buy four power plants from Yugoslavia

NICOSIA, Jan 18. (AP): Iran has signed a \$25-million contract to purchase four power plants from Yugoslavia in an effort to ease acute electricity shortages that cause daily blackouts in cities around the nation.

The Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the contract was signed between the Isfahan Electricity Department and an unnamed Yugoslav company.

The agency said the plants would be installed by Iranian workers "within the next three years," but gave no further details.

Iran has made rebuilding power stations destroyed in the eight-year war with Iraq a top priority, partly because of popular discontent with long daily blackouts.

Blackouts

Tehran Television, also monitored in Nicosia, said yesterday that the scheduled six-hour daily blackouts in larger cities would be reduced to three hours. The television did not say when the blackouts would be reduced.

A 300 megawatt facility at the Neka power plant on the Caspian Sea coast is due to start operation this week, but Minister of Power Bijan Namdar Zanganeh warned on Friday that blackouts would continue.

The ministry of power is in a fragile state with regard to power supply, and even present supplies are not reliable," IRNA quoted Zanganeh as saying.

Zanganeh said last month that the national grid lost 2,500 megawatts of generating capacity because of damage to power plants during the war with Iraq.

Oman, bordering the Gulf and the Arabian Sea, is banking on exploration to boost oil reserves that are modest compared with those of neighbouring Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

It is also a key player in efforts to win more co-operation on stabilising prices between the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and non-OPEC states like itself.

Climbed

Shanfari flew to Moscow on Jan 15 after talks in Muscat with OPEC Secretary-General Subroto. Soviet officials said after Shanfari's trip that they would attend as observers at a planned meeting in London of OPEC and non-OPEC producers.

But the key to the future of

Oman's 1.5 million people lies in building up reserves.

"Our reserves have already climbed up to 4.2 billion barrels," Shanfari said in the interview on Jan 14.

"We are building up reserves every year by sometimes 100 million barrels, sometimes 50 million," after taking exports into account, he added.

A Western financial analyst in Oman said the country had adapted well when oil prices tumbled. "They have done a remarkably good housekeeping job here after the oil price crash in 1986."

Deficit

He said recently that hit the Gulf as a whole had not spared Oman, but that development of agriculture, fisheries and light industries and controls on government spending led the coun-

try to weather the storm well.

Oman plans to pump 600,000 barrels of oil daily in 1989, the same as last year.

Expecting an oil price of about \$12.50 per barrel, Oman last year forecast a 1989 budget deficit of 402 million Omani riyals (\$1.06 billion) against a 1988 deficit of 252 million riyals (\$655 million).

But Oman oil was on sale on Tuesday for around \$15 per barrel, after world prices firms settled when a new OPEC pact to curb output took effect from the beginning of January.

Budget revenue in 1989 is estimated at 1.21 billion riyals (\$3.14 billion), more than 10 per cent on 1988.

But expenditure will be almost unchanged at 1.62 billion riyals (\$4.2 billion).

The budget deficit is likely to

be bridged by foreign and domestic borrowing, financial sources said.

### Produces

Petroleum Development Oman (PDO), owned 60 per cent by the government, produces more than 90 per cent of Oman's oil in rugged terrain along the length of the country. Other PDO shareholders are foreign oil companies Shell, with 34 per cent, Total-CFP with four per cent and Partex with two per cent.

Western oil companies including AMOCO and Occidental of the United States and France's Elf-Aquitaine are also looking for or producing oil in output sharing agreements with the government.

"PDO is pushing ahead with exploration and development

activities more than any other oil company in this region," an oil industry analyst in Oman said.

Shanfari said: "We have about 35 discoveries not developed yet. Developing some of the fields is a little expensive for the oil price we have now."

### Expensive

Industry sources said geological factors made production in Oman expensive, with a high number of wells needed per barrel.

Some fields needed special production techniques which raised the cost of extracting a barrel to as high as \$4 against less than 50 cents in some Saudi Arabian fields.

"If the oil price goes below \$10 a barrel it will be very difficult for Oman," a financial analyst in the Gulf said.

## World Business Summary

### Moscow to ease currency restrictions with East bloc

UNITED NATIONS, Jan 18. (AP): The Soviet Union has agreed to foreign currency exchange with some East bloc allies and may lower its domestic exchange rates as a prelude to full convertibility in world markets, an official has said. The deputy chairman of State Bank of the USSR, V.A. Pekshev, yesterday told a UN-sponsored conference on US-Soviet trade that Soviet officials acknowledge the need for full convertibility of the ruble but must proceed slowly. "By Jan 1, 1990, we would make a 100 per cent increase in the ratio" of the official domestic exchange rate, Pekshev said, in effect doubling the amount of rubles exchanged for other currencies. "Is this a currency devaluation?" he said. "We won't get into theoretical arguments on this question." The Soviet Union has several sets of exchange rates for domestic and foreign products, and it was not known how the proposed increase would affect the rates. Black market exchange rates are often six to seven times higher than the official rates. More than 100 American and Soviets, including US and Soviet envoys to the world body, began the two-day meeting yesterday, the first such conference held under UN auspices. US and Soviet speakers focused mainly on Soviet economic reforms and repeatedly expressed optimism about improving relations.

### Omani oil minister winds up visit

MOSCOW, Jan 18. (KUNA): Omani Oil Minister Saeed Bin Ahmed Al Shafnari returned home last night after holding talks with senior Soviet officials. Shanfari was seen off at the airport by deputy minister of foreign economic relations, Kuwaiti Charge d'Affaires to the Soviet Union Mansour Al Awadi and the UAE Ambassador to the Soviet Union Naser Al Aboudi. Kuwait News Agency quoted the Omani official as saying that the Soviet Union plays a major role in oil issues and is keen on stabilising oil prices in the international market. Moscow intends to send an observer to represent it at the experts meeting of the non-OPEC oil producers which will be convoked on January 25 and in the joint meeting of OPEC members, the Omani official added. Shanfari said that discussions mainly centred on oil issues and the recent OPEC meeting held in Vienna, in addition to the resolutions reached by the Gulf Cooperation Council summit meetings held in Bahrain. He said that he presented to Soviet officials a complete picture of the anticipated oil market trend. Both the Soviet Union and Oman will exchange delegations in the near future in the framework of boosting relations between the two countries.

### Algerian minister in UAE for oil talks

ABU DHABI, Jan 18. (AP): Algerian Oil Minister Sadek Bousenna arrived today for talks on the world oil market and efforts by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to stabilise it. Bousenna told reporters he was carrying a message from President Chadli Bendjedid to the UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan on Arab developments, bilateral ties and the oil market situation. He gave no other details. He was greeted by the UAE's Oil Minister, Mana Saeed Oteiba. They were scheduled to discuss ways of bolstering OPEC's decisions on production and pricing aimed at stabilising oil prices. Algeria and the UAE are members of the 13-nation organisation OPEC imposed a new quota system, limiting overall oil production by the organisation to 18.5 million barrels a day, from Jan 1. The ceiling, some 2 million barrels a day higher than a previous quota, was designed to push up sagging prices to OPEC's benchmark of \$18 a barrel and curb runaway over-production by some OPEC states.

## Reagan's deficits fail to cloud market optimism over president-elect

### Bush to put economy on a firm long-term footing

WASHINGTON, Jan 18. (Reuters): Suddenly, Wall Street has turned bullish on George Bush.

After taking a tumble in the wake of his election victory in November, financial markets have reversed course and are now betting that Bush will tame the daunting trade and budget deficits he will inherit from Ronald Reagan.

Stocks are at the highest level since the October 1987 crash. The dollar has rallied to three-month highs. And, with long-term interest rates falling and gold down to around \$400 an ounce, even inflationary fears are abating.

"There's an ebullient feeling, a sense of accomplishment even before he's taken office," said Robert Brusca, chief economist of Nikko Securities Co international in New York.

The optimism is due in part to the honeymoon that a new president customarily enjoys. The nation wants him to do well.

Because Bush has assembled a team of pragmatic, experienced economic advisers, he is also assumed to be more willing than

Reagan to compromise on the crucial budget issues needed to reduce the deficits, boost savings and investment and put the economy on a firm long-term footing.

Even a tough critic of American fiscal profligacy like West German Finance Minister Gerhard Stoltenberg came away from talks last week with Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and budget director-designate Richard Darman convinced that Bush, despite his record, is serious about the deficit.

All Bush has to do, White House chief economist Beryl Sprinkel says, is to maintain open markets, continue to rein in government spending and avoid tax increases.

"With this proviso, the economic outlook for the United States is bright," he said in a recent report to Congress.

But critics say the prosperity, which in any case remains a cruel illusion for millions, has been bought on credit.

The economy is enjoying its 74th straight month of growth with the usual harbinger of recession — excess inventories, rampant inflation and sharply rising short-term interest rates —

conspicuous by their absence. Exports and investment are expected to fuel another year of solid growth in 1989.

Reagan's advisers, not surprisingly, attribute the successes of the past six years to his emphasis on providing a stable, low-tax policy environment free of red tape, instead of trying to fine tune the economy with stop-go tax and interest-rate measures.

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competitors like Japan, they charge.

David Hale, chief economist of Kemper Financial Services Inc in Chicago, says the challenge posed to Bush by Japan's success is not just commercial and financial.

### Ideological

Because Japan's prosperity was built on a basis of corporatism, with government working closely with big business, it also represents a direct ideological threat to the neo-conservative movement that Reagan brought to power.

"Japan has demonstrated that an economic system other than an American system can produce superior outcomes," Hale wrote recently, adding that America's political economy during the 1990s will be driven by fear of Japanese supremacy.

Brookings Institution scholars Thomas Mann and Charles Schultze also warned that the deficits are gradually causing America to fall behind in the global economic power race.

The task thus facing Bush, they said, is to build the political

consensus needed to shift the national economic emphasis away from consumption to savings and investment.

The task will be hard because the public, after hearing economists cry wolf for years, is growing immune to scare talk, they wrote in a new Brookings book, "Critical Choices."

America might be able to continue national overspending for another presidential term, but at the cost of a further, almost imperceptible slowing year by year in the growth of living standards.

"Like the fat person who feels that to go on a diet but who feels that one more high-calorie meal won't hurt," Hale wrote recently, adding that one more year of high deficits will not cause grave damages. But continue the overeating, and long-term damage mounts up," they said.

Wall Street, bloated with the excesses of the Reagan years, wants Bush to plan the diet without cooking the budget books by resorting to asset sales and rosy economic forecasts.

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## International Bond Highlights

LONDON: Misui and Co. Ltd. launched a one billion dlrs, four year, equity warrant bond with an indicated coupon at 4-1/2 pct. lead manager Nomura International Ltd said. This is the largest warrant Eurobond ever issued in one tranche. (XKWB 0289)  
 Hanwa Co. Ltd. launched a 700 mln dlrs, four year, equity warrant bond with an indicated coupon of 4-5/8 pct, lead manager Yamachi International said. (XKWA 0291)  
 The European Investment Bank is issuing a 100 mln stg Eurobond due Feb 3, 1997, paying 10 pct and priced at 97-7/8 pct, lead manager Samui Montagu said. (PKYD 1310)  
 London: Mitsubishi Oil Co. Ltd. is launching a 250 mln dlrs, four year, equity warrant bond with an indicated coupon of 4-1/2 pct, lead manager Nikko Securities said. (XKWB 0289)  
 Nakeya Steel Works Ltd is launching a 150 mln dlrs, four year, equity warrant bond with an indicated coupon of 4-5/8 pct, lead manager Nomura International said. (XKWB 0289)  
 Frankfurt: Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale (WestLB) said it was leading the issue of a 100 mln Canadian dlrs zero coupon bond for its Luxembourg unit, WestLB International SA. (XLEN 1603)  
 Zurich: The Mortgage Institute of the Swiss Cantonal banks is issuing a 170 mln Swiss franc, 12 year, five pct bond priced at 101 pct, lead manager Zurich Cantonal Bank said. (XKVC 1258)  
 Geneva: Poly Peck International Finance Ltd is issuing a 100 mln Swiss franc, 8-1/4 pct seven year bullet bond priced at par, lead manager S.G. Warburg Soditic SA said. (XKVB 0903)

## Interbank Rates

	CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDN	13-12-7/8	13-3/2 1/16	13-1/8 1/16
FFT	5.20/30	5.65/75	5.75/85
PAR	8-5/16 7/16	8-1/2 5/8	8-9/16 11/16
ZUR	4-3/8 4-5/8	5-3/8 5-5/8	5-5/8 5-7/8
BRI	5.75	7-3/8 1/2	7-5/8 11/16
RON	11-1/4 11-3/4	11-3/4 12-1/4	11-3/4 12-1/4
AHS	5.75/88	5.95/03	6.12/22
TOK	3.23/25 25.32	4.11/32 13/32	4.17/32 19/32
ECU	7.81 8.06	8.00 8.12	8.18 8.31

## Interest Rates

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	6-9/16	7
3 months	7-7/8	7-7/16
6 months	7-5/8	8-1/16
1 year	7-3/4	8-1/4

## BOMBAY

PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	75.50	74	75	NICO	590	575	585
ACC	327	328	332	GRASIN	81.50	80.75	81.25	NOCIL	802.50	805
ASTA PAINT	215	213.75	217.50	GSCF	145	143.75	145	ORKAY	27	26
BAJAJ AUTO	401.25	398.75	402.50	HIND LIVER	71	70.50	71	PEICO	24	22.50
BAR. RAYON	310	305	310	HINDALCO	166.50	166.25	167	PFIZER	69	66
BON-DYING	117	118	119	HINDCOCO	103.75	102.50	105	P.R.E. AUTO	45.25	45
BR. BOND	103	101	103	HINDMOTOR	28.25	28	28.25	RAYMOND	73	72
BSE INDEX	642.35	644.39	646.39	INDRAYON	42.50	43	42.50	RELIANCE	133	132.50
CENTURYPG	1365	1360	1375	INDRAYON	83	82.50	82.50	SIEMENS	83	80
COLGATE	307.50	307.50	308.75	INDROL	265	263.75	262.50	SPIC	50.50	49.75
DEEPAKERT	41.50	40	41	ITC	49	46	47	STOMMILS	245	240
ET. HOTEL	57.50	55	57.50	JYSTHNT	83	81	82.75	TATA PAR	365	360
ESKAYA B	136.25	135	135.75	L A M T	123	123	126	TATACHEA	107	105
ESSAR	23.25	23.50	23.50	MAHINDRA	84	82.50	82.50	TELCO	707.50	705
GAR. POLY	85	82.50	83.75	MASTERSH	15.85	15.50	16	TISCO	1145	1145
GE. SHIP	38.25	38.25	38	MATHER PL	62	60	61	VOLTAS	530	515

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE	TOKYO
AEGE	197.0	194.2	AIJINMOTO	0
ALY. IANZ VR	1881.0	1874.0	AKAI ELEC	0
BAEGERM	179.0	180.0	AKCI	0
BALLES	185	185	ASARI GLS	2000
BAFER	302.5	301.0	ASARI OPT	745
BAFER HYP	388.0	381.0	BANK TOKYO	1690
BAFER VER	391.0	387.0	BRIDGESTON	1400
BBC	357.0	360.0	CANON	1530
BHF	422.0	422.0	CASIO COMP	1380
BHW	518.0	514.0	CITIZEN PHM	1650
COMMERZBK	252.0	248.0	CITIZEN W	936
CONTI GUM	263.0	262.9	D-ICHI KAN	3520
DAIMER BEN	706.0	708.0	DAI NIP IK	885
DEUTSC BHK	555.0	551.0	DAI NIP PT	2650
DLV	450.0	454.0	DAI NIP SC	1000
DRESNER B	310.5	306.0	DAI NIP TO	881
DT. BABCOCK	155.0	151.0	DAICEL	884
FASTINDEN	551.00/4455.00/84	551.00/4455.00/84	DAIMEN	1960
FEINLEBEN	303.05/8484.00/40	303.05/8484.00/40	DAIMON SEC	2709
GUERSCHNIT	390.00/9300.00/5	390.00/9300.00/5	DAIMON SEC	2709
HARPEMER	425.0	423.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
HOECHST AG	295.8	297.2	DAIMON SEC	2709
HOESCH	185.2	184.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
HORTEN	222.0	221.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
HUSSEL HLD	452.0	447.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
KALI SALZ	185.5	185.5	DAIMON SEC	2709
KARSTADT	411.0	413.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
KAUFHOF	142.0	130.2	DAIMON SEC	2709
KLOECK H	130.0	129.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
KLOECK W	77.0	75.80	DAIMON SEC	2709
LINDE	154.7	155.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
LUFTFRANSA	239.9	239.5	DAIMON SEC	2709
MAN	205.2	205.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
MANNESMAN	562.0	560.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
MERCEDES	387.5	371.5	DAIMON SEC	2709
NIXDORF PF	352.5	321.9	DAIMON SEC	2709
NORSK HYL	38.40	38.30	DAIMON SEC	2709
PHILIP KOM	667.0	663.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
PORSCHE	620.0	620.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
PREUSSAG	211.0	202.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
PWA	257.6	261.1	DAIMON SEC	2709
RHEINMETAL	421.0	420.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
RHE	227.5	228.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
RHE P	212.0	212.8	DAIMON SEC	2709
SLAMANDER	348.0	348.5	DAIMON SEC	2709
SCHIERING	603.0	602.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
SEL	285.5	282.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
SIENENS	525.1	528.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
THYSSEN	191.5	189.3	DAIMON SEC	2709
VARTA	335.0	337.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
VEBA	274.5	273.0	DAIMON SEC	2709
VEW	169.3	169.3	DAIMON SEC	2709
VOLKSWAGEN	352.0	351.1	DAIMON SEC	2709

## Tokyo Stock Market Report

**TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE AT NEW RECORD HIGH**  
 TOKYO, JAN 18, REUTER - SHARE PRICES ROSE TO A NEW RECORD CLOSE AMID UNDERLYING BULLISH SENTIMENT THAT BROUGHT BARGAIN HUNTERS BACK AFTER YESTERDAY'S DECLINE, BROKERS SAID.  
 "THERE WERE TWO THEMES -- REDENOMINATION AND SHINKansen (BULLET TRAIN) -- AND THEY WERE THE BIGGEST MARKET MOVERS YESTERDAY," SAID A TRADER A YAMAIKI SECURITIES CO LTD.  
 THE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 127.05 POINTS, OR 0.41 PCT, TO A NEW RECORD CLOSE OF 31,354.55 AFTER HITTING A NEW TRADED HIGH OF 31,365.15 JUST BEFORE THE CLOSE.  
 THE INDEX SLIPPED 70.86 POINTS ON TUESDAY AFTER LAST WEEK'S STRING OF RECORD RISES.  
 THE PREVIOUS CLOSING RECORD -- 31,298.38 -- AND TRADED HIGH -- 31,321.02 -- WERE BOTH SET LAST FRIDAY.  
 SPECULATION THAT JAPAN MIGHT REDENOMINATE ITS CURRENCY BOOSTED PAPER, PULP AND PRINTING STOCK, WHILE CONSTRUCTION ISSUES GAINED ON SPECULATION THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL EARN BACK FUNDS TO BUILD A NEW SHINKansen LINE IN ITS BUDGET TO BE UNVEILED ON THURSDAY, BROKERS SAID.  
 FUTURES-RELATED BUYING NEAR THE CLOSE GAVE THE INDEX AN EXTRA BOOST, A FUTURES TRADER SAID.  
 THE FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, FINED 2.97 POINTS TO 2,451.90 AFTER LOSING 8.65 POINTS ON TUESDAY.  
 RISES EDGED FALLS SIX TO FIVE WITH 491 ISSUES HIGHER, 423 LOWER AND 169 UNCHANGED.  
 WINNERS WERE LED BY RAILWAY/BUS, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, MINING, CONSTRUCTION, PULP/PAPER, REAL ESTATE, TRUCKING, WAREHOUSE, RUBBER AND SOME MANUFACTURING SHARES.  
 LOSERS WERE LED BY SECURITIES, HOUSE, PHARMACEUTICAL, COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRICAL, AUTO, AIRLINE, ELECTRIC POWER, SERVICE, PRECISION INSTRUMENT AND OIL STOCK.  
 TURNOVER WAS A MODERATE 1.2 BILLION SHARES AGAINST 900 MLN ON TUESDAY. SOME INVESTORS PREFERRED TO WAIT FOR THE U.S. TRADE DATA DUE AT 1330 GMT, BROKERS SAID.

## Hong Kong Stock Market Report

HONG KONG, JAN 18, REUTER - STRONG BUYING OVERCAME LIGHT PROFIT-TAKING TO FUEL A RISE WHICH PUSHED THE NANG SENG INDEX THROUGH THE 2,900 LEVEL AFTER AN HOUR'S TRADING, BROKERS SAID.  
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Stocks steady

# Dollar shrugs off poor trade figures

NEW YORK, Jan 18, (Reuter): The dollar moved higher today, shrugging off unexpectedly poor US trade figures and intervention by central banks and reaching its highest level in three months.

The dollar initially fell on the trade report but recovered as recent bullish sentiment re-surfaced.

It first sagged to 1.84 marks but then bounced back strongly to 1.8660 from 1.8510 at yesterday's close.

Central banks of Canada, France, West Germany, Spain and the United States persistently sold the dollar, which seemed only to encourage even more buying by speculators. The Federal Reserve intervened twice in morning trading in New York, dealers said.

The dollar remained little changed against Japan's currency, however, quoted at 123 yen compared with the prior close of 127.85. It recovered from a low of 127.00.

## OPEC has cut excess oil output sharply

LONDON, Jan 18, (Reuter): OPEC has cut its oil output by a sharp 16 per cent since a new accord to curb excess supply took effect on Jan 1, industry sources said today.

Analysts with major oil companies reckoned that the group's output of crude oil in the first half of January was about 19 million barrels daily, nearly four million below December.

But they said it remained above a ceiling of 18.5 million set under the new quota system brought into force by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries to try to ease a glut and drive prices higher.

### Lows

Spot prices have, in fact, rallied and are now about 40 per cent above recent lows to which the glut drove them in October before OPEC clinched its new production-sharing agreement.

Benchmark US West Texas Intermediate crude rose above \$19 yesterday for the first time in 13 months, helped by firm demand for refined products in the United States as well as traders' belief that OPEC has begun to restore discipline.

OPEC's output surged to hit 22.76 million barrels daily in December, according to an earlier survey of industry analysts.

They now assess it at between 18.8 and 19.2 million but add that precise estimates are not possible on the basis of only two week's production. Each seller's output can vary widely from one week to the next.

### Gains

Market analysts said that if the excess is limited to about half a million barrels daily, prices should maintain their gains.

"The perception is that 19 million is okay for the first quarter of this year," one major company analyst said.

Saudi Arabia was estimated to have pumped an average 4.35 million barrels daily in the first two weeks of January, Gulf industry sources said, slightly below its OPEC quota.

Iraq was felt to be having no problems meeting a new quota of 2.64 million barrels daily. But analysts said the other former Gulf war combatant, Iran, was unlikely to reach its assigned 2.64 million after producing 2.4 million in December, partly because of war damage.

## Productive sectors gather momentum

KUWAIT, Jan 18, (KUNA): The board chairman and managing director of Kuwait Real Estate Bank Saad Al Nahedh was quoted as saying Kuwait's economy has scored notable accomplishments during the past year with certain productive sectors gathering momentum.

Interviewed by a local daily, published here today, he cited as example the developments in the real estate sector and certain activities in the commercial sector "which indicated that a new phase of activity had been formulated."

"That was an important indication of Kuwait economy's return to normal growth following the Iraq-Iran ceasefire which prompted hopes of further improvement in the Gulf region," Al Nahedh said.

"Among those positive policies," he said, "was the application by the Kuwait Central Bank of a new structure for K.D. interest rates last December."

Buoyed by the dollar's performance, the bond market recovered from an early setback and the stock market held onto recent gains that put it near its post-crash high.

The benchmark 30-year bond climbed one-third of a point, to 101.13/32. This lowered its yield to 8.86 per cent from 8.89 at yesterday's close.

Stocks were little changed, despite pre-opening worries that the poor trade figures might launch a sell-off. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down a fraction of a point late in the morning. It declined 10 points yesterday on worries about the US trade report and profit-taking after recent gains.

### Jumped

The US trade deficit jumped 22 per cent in November to \$12.51 billion as exports sagged and imports climbed.

The figures caused no panic on Wall Street, unlike past slips-ups in the US trade performance. The 1987 stock market crash was

blamed largely on a weak trade report, released on the Thursday prior to the Oct 19 "Black Monday."

With the focus on the dollar and interest rates, dealers watched for signs of central bank intervention and debated whether the poor trade performance would be taken as an excuse to hike interest rates to blunt demand for imports.

Relatively high US interest rates, making interest-bearing dollar assets a good buy, have been siphoning money into the dollar since the start of 1989, causing it to rally strongly. The stronger dollar, in turn, supports US stocks and bonds by making dollar-denominated investments more attractive.

Gold futures were erratic on the Commodity Exchange in New York. February gold traded from \$405.20 to \$401.50 an ounce following release of the trade numbers. It later stabilised with a 30-cent loss at \$403.40.

"It looks like the high US interest rates have won out over the trade numbers," said Bill Byers of Bear Stearns.

London equities drifted from midsession highs in fairly quiet late afternoon trading following a larger-than-expected US trade deficit for November and a subsequent dip on Wall Street.

News of a continued surplus in the UK public sector borrowing requirement in December was seen as positive, showing government revenues are still strong. The cumulative December PSBR surplus was \$2.1 billion versus 6.1 billion in November.

"Although there has been institutional demand for stock we seem to have run out of steam at the post-crash high," one trader commented. "Mind you, the market makers have been caught on the hop by the new year rally and will be happy to see prices a bit lower so they can get some stock back on their books."

At 1535 GMT the FTSE 100 was up 11.5 points at 1,879.2.

### Peak

The FTSE 100 touched a peak of 1,890.2 just before the US trade number was published which compared with its post-crash intra-day high of 1,892.2 and post-crash closing high of

1,879.3 reached last June.

The index has rallied from 1,793.1 since the beginning of this year with the rise fuelled by a growth to record levels in institutional liquidity, dealers said.

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### Rumours

Packaging to central heating company MB Group rose 3p to 279 on high turnover of 8.2 million shares. Dealers noted rumours that Elders IXL may want to increase its MB holding or that Elders associate the South Australian Brewing Co. Ltd might be planning a bid.

Elders owns around 5.5 per cent of MB stock and around 20 per cent of South Australian Brewing. Elders was 1p higher at 137p.

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him off and turned to another subject.

Baker said he was disappointed that banks had not made more new loans under his proposal of 1985, which called for them to lend an additional \$20 billion in the Third World during the following three years.

### Lost

"I'm disappointed that commercial banks that made many loans in the 1970s did not see fit in the face of reforms by many of those countries down there, to come forward with additional capital in the 1980s," he said.

Bankers say they have lost about \$6 billion a year in the last three years, and that more loans should come from governments and intergovernmental institutions like the fund.

Baker said he would worry more about what plan requiring banks to take a specific proportion of losses would be contrary to the US constitution.

## Velayati hails Perez' efforts to strengthen OPEC

## Venezuela ready to help Iran in its post-war reconstruction

NICOSIA, Jan 18, (AP): Venezuelan President-elect Carlos Andres Perez said his country is ready to help Iran in its post-war reconstruction, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

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## Dear Junior Readers,

Ever heard of a eunuchoid giantess? Or try this one — desquamation. The first one refers to the tallest woman in North America, the second means a disease where you lose skin by scaling. Both these words appeared in our paper this week.

Everyday we come across new terms and words which we've never heard of before. Instead of skipping over these unfamiliar words we should find out what they mean and try and use them in a sentence. There's nothing like word power to keep you a step ahead of everyone else.

How about learning one new word a day, to incorporate in your VOCABULARY? In case you don't know what that means, I suggest you look in your dictionary now!

Enjoy your weekend.

Aunie Ghazala

## Birthday greetings

Juan D'Souza celebrates his birthday today. Many happy returns from Jason D'Cunha.



Answers to Tuesday's crossword:  
Across: 1. Expectation; 7. Glimmer; 8. Err; 9. Title; 11. Gleee; 13. Roe; 15. Lyre; 17. Nears; 21. Rod; 22. Begrimed; 23. Desperation  
Down: 1. Eight; 2. Print; 3. Camber; 4. Awry; 5. Ideal; 6. Nurse; 10. Icy; 12. Ear; 14. Enigma; 15. Lurid; 16. Rides; 18. Alibi; 19. Sheen; 20. Able.

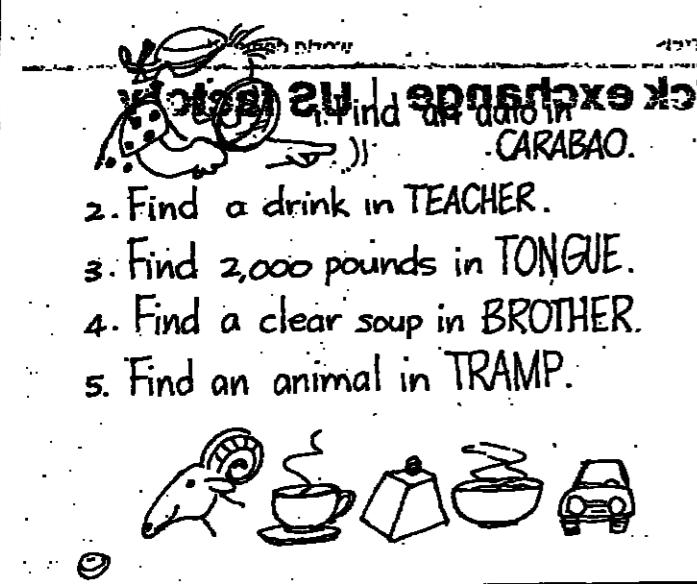
## Verse and worse

Said an envious erudit  
ermine:  
There's one thing I cannot  
determine:  
When a girl wears my coat  
She's a person of note:  
When I wear it I'm only  
called vermin.  
Aly, aly, aly, aly, aly,  
Aly, aly, aly, aly, aly,  
The bear met Aly.

The bear was bulgy.  
The bulge was Aly.  
  
It's hard to lose a friend  
When your heart is full of  
hope;  
But it's worse to lose a  
towel  
When your eyes are full of  
soap.

## FIND THEM

There's a hidden word in every capitalized word. The letters to each hidden word will be in the right order.



- Find a drink in TEACHER.
- Find 2,000 pounds in TONGUE.
- Find a clear soup in BROTHER.
- Find an animal in TRAMP.

## Truly amazing!

If you travelled south from Vancouver Island on the west coast of Canada, you would not touch land until you reached Antarctica.

In theory the lowest possible temperature is — 273.15°C, absolute zero.

A column of pennies 3 metres high was collected in London for charity.

The United States Library of Congress contains 73 million volumes, housed on 350 miles of shelving.

There is a set of traffic lights in Venice which controls the junction of two canals.

It is illegal to sell anti-freeze to Indians in Quebec, Canada.

In 1965 a Japanese created a slow-bicycling record by remaining stationary for 5 hours 25 minutes.

Hundreds of fossil jellyfish found in Australia, prove that the area was covered by the sea 600 million years ago.

A temple to the 'God of Food' in Nepal, is decorated with countless offerings of pots and pans.

## The first voyage of Sindbad

LONG, long ago, in the reign of the Caliph Haroun Al Rashid, there dwelt in the city of Baghdad a poor man named Hindbad, who gained a living by carrying goods from place to place for other people; in fact, he was a porter.

Though, as a rule, he did not grumble with his lot, there were times when he was not content. One of these times happened to be, when, tired out by the weight of his load, he had sat down to rest outside the house of a very rich man, whose name was Sindbad.

As the soft strains of music from the house reached his ears, and the scent of rare perfumes fell upon his senses, he was struck by the difference between his lot and that of the man whose name was so like his own.

"Why should I be so poor, and he so rich?" said Hindbad aloud; "am I not as good a man as he?"

Sindbad, hearing the words without seeing the speaker, sent a servant to bring Hindbad before him, and the poor man, fearing he knew not what, went into the splendid hall where Sindbad was feasting with a number of his friends.

Pointing to a seat at his right hand, Sindbad gave his guest a share of the good things on the table, and the meal being at length finished, "Tell me," said he, "why you were grumbling?"

"Pardon me, my lord," replied Hindbad, "I was weary and sad at heart."

"Have no fear," said Sindbad kindly, "I do not blame you for your words, but, that you may know

how hard I had to work to win the riches I now enjoy, let me tell you the story of my life."

With these words he began as follows:

"When I was but a young man my father died, leaving me a very large fortune, nearly the whole of which I spent in enjoying myself. At last I began to think, unless I wished to become poor, I had better try to make some more money with the little left to me, so, having bought some goods, I set sail for the Arabian Gulf, hoping to sell or exchange them at a profit.

The ship called at several small islands, where we did some good trading. One day, when the vessel could not move for want of wind to fill her sails, we saw what seemed to be a little green bird peeping above the water. Thinking it very strange, a party of us rowed out to it, taking some wood for a fire, and food, so that we might hold a feast.

We had all landed, and were in the middle of our meal when we found to our horror that we were on the back of some huge sea-monster. The creature shook its great body, and lashed its tail so angrily that as many as could

jumped into the boat, others into the sea, and soon all except myself were aboard the ship.

A fresh breeze had begun to blow, and the sails being set at once, away went the ship, leaving me still on the monster's back. Suddenly the huge creature dived under water, and I should have gone too, but by seizing a large piece of wood I kept myself afloat.

All through that day and through the night I was tossed about by the waves, but was at last thrown on to the shore of what was really an island. After a while the sun came out, warming me, and making me feel that if I wished to gain strength I must seek some food.

Dragging myself with great pain toward the middle of the island, I had the good fortune to find a few herbs. These I ate, drinking afterwards from a spring of clear, cool water.

Wishing to see on what sort of place I had been cast, I walked on until a man met me, who, hearing my strange story, took me to a cave in which were several other men. They were the servants of the ruler of the island, and had come to this part of it in order to fetch its horses

back to the palace.

It was lucky for me that I met them that day; had it not been for this I should most likely have died, as I could never have found my way to the other side of the island, where the people lived, and to which the king's servants were returning next day.

They were very kind, giving me food to eat, and taking me with them when they set out on their journey. As soon as we reached the palace they took me before the king, who also treated me with great kindness. He listened to my story, pitied my sad state, and asked me to stay with him as long as I cared to.

Now the chief city of his kingdom, the city in which I made my home, was built on the seashore. Every day ships came to it from all parts of the world, and I, hoping to meet someone from my own town, spent a great deal of time watching these ships, and talking to the merchants who came and went in them.

I also grew friendly with some of the natives — Indians they were, and very wise persons; but I never forgot to pay a daily visit to the king, with whose chief men I had many pleasant talks about the way in which their country and my own were governed.

Hearing one day of the island of Cassel, and of the sounds of drums being beaten every night on the shore, I had a great wish to visit it, which I did, seeing many large and curious fishes on my voyage.

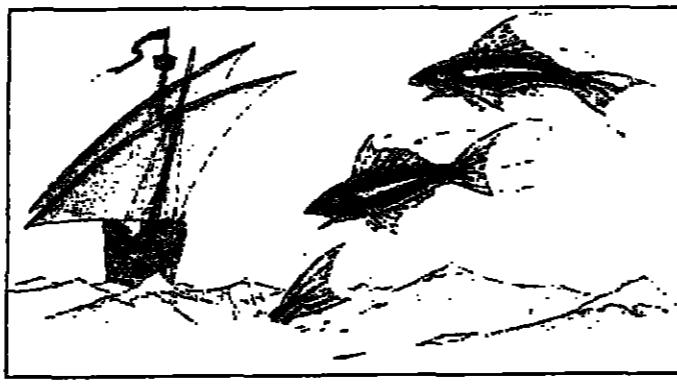
Shortly after my return from Cassel, the very ship



I, a poor man cast up by the sea, had been able to get them.

I then told him of the coming of the ship, and the finding of my own bales of goods, on which he took my costly present with great pleasure, and gave me one worth far more in return. I next sold or exchanged the rest of my goods, and having bidden his majesty good-bye, set sail for Bussorah, taking with me many articles made only on the island. These I sold for a large sum of money, for so much, indeed, that I had no further need to work."

When Sindbad had finished the story of his first voyage, he ordered the band to play again, and spent the rest of the day with his guests. The poor porter, who never in all his life had been so well treated before, enjoyed himself greatly, and, when the rich man, on bidding him good-bye, bade him come again the next day to hear more of his story, giving him at the same time a purse full of money, Hindbad was delighted at his good fortune.



## Waiter minute!

Well, you said you wanted some change in your meals.

I've only got one piece of meat!

All right, I'll cut it in two for you.

What about meat balls?

I've never been to any.

There's a button in my lettuce!

That must be from the salad dressing.

This egg's bad!

Don't blame me. I only lay the table.

How long will my pizza be?

We don't do long ones, sir. Only round.

What's this fly doing in my soup?

Looks like backstroke, sir.

I've just found a maggot in my salad!

That's better than finding half a maggot, isn't it?

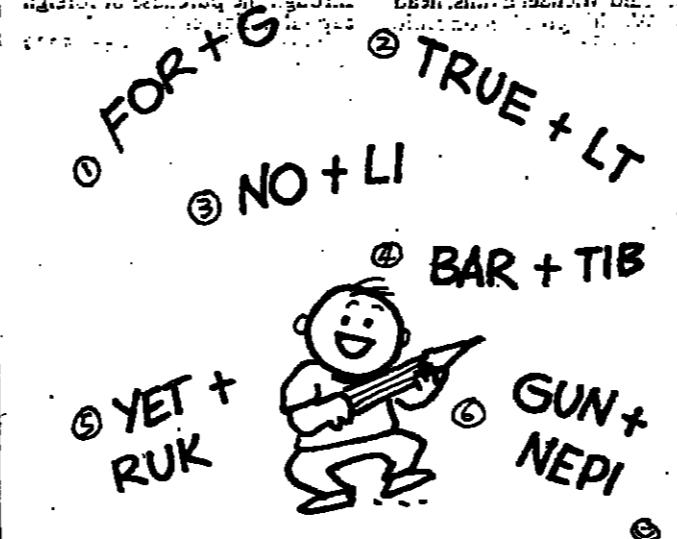
There's a fly in my soup!

You'll have to get it out yourself. I can't swim.

ANSWERS:  
• Message — Happy New Year  
• Animal adventure — 1. Frog; 2. turtle; 3. lion; 4. rabbit; 5. turkey; 6. penguin.  
• Find them — 1. car; 2. tea; 3. tom; 4. broth; 5. ram

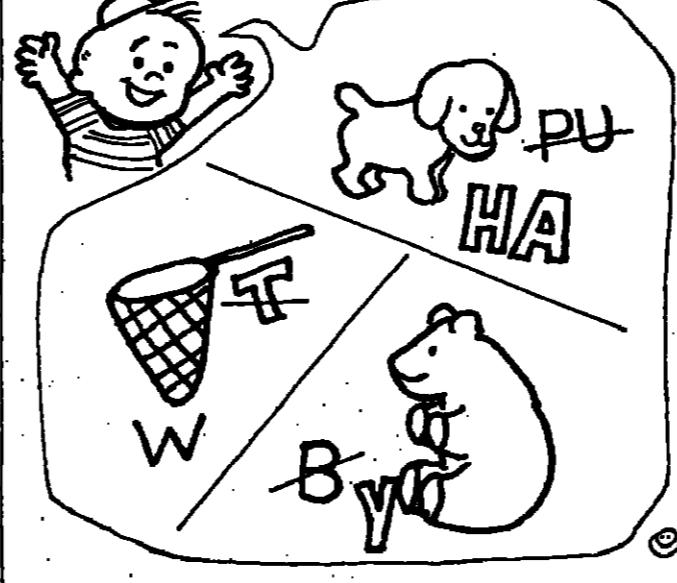
## ANIMAL ADVENTURE

Find the answers to the word problems, naming six animals.



## MESSAGE

Work out the little boy's message.



## WORD SEARCH

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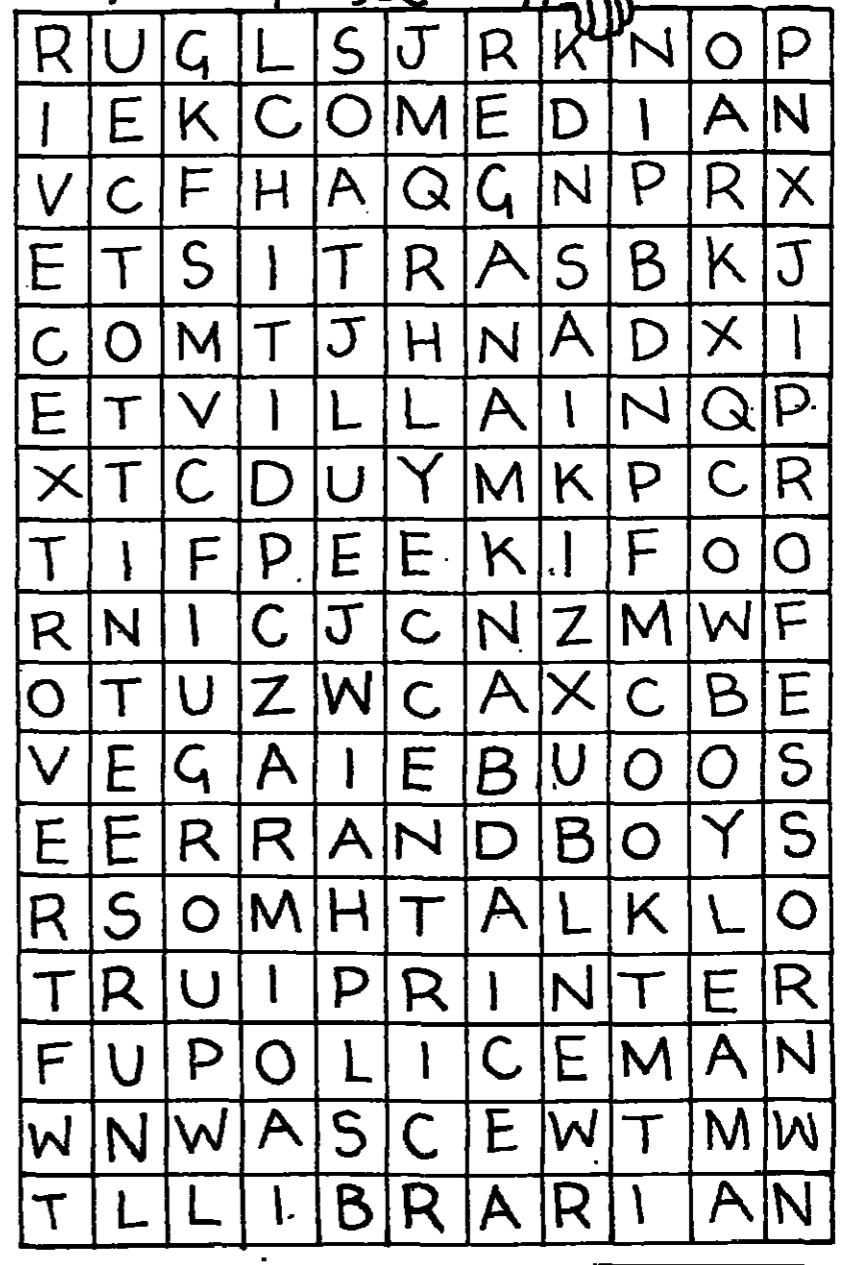
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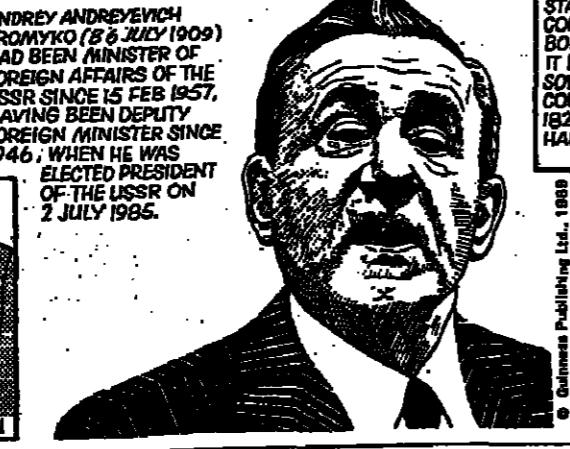
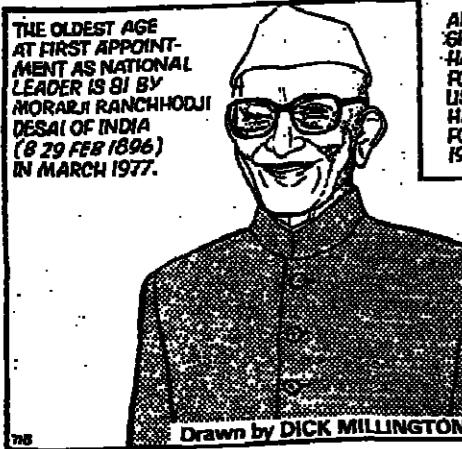
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## Factfile FROM THE GUINNESS BOOK OF RECORDS



THE OLDEST AGE AT WHICH AN APPOINTMENT AS NATIONAL LEADER IS 81 BY MORALI RANCHHODJI DESAI OF INDIA (8.29 FEB 1986) IN MARCH 1977.

ANDREI ANDREYEVICH GROMYKO (8.8 JULY 1909) HAD BEEN MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE USSR SINCE 15 FEB 1957, HAVING BEEN DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER SINCE 1946, WHEN HE WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE USSR ON 2 JULY 1985.

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON



STATISTICIANS CONTEND THAT BOLIVIA SINCE IT BECAME A SOVEREIGN COUNTRY IN 1825, HAS HAD 191 COUPS.

I know you're just out if up — take it down again!

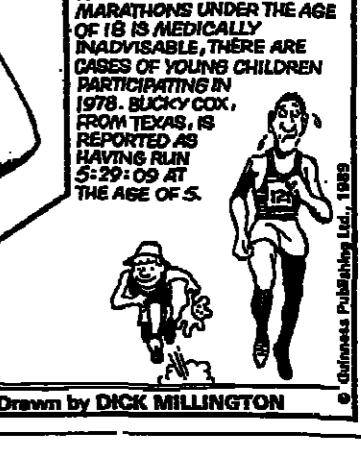


THE FASTEST COMBINED TIME FOR RUNNING THREE MARATHONS IN THREE DAYS IS 8H 22M 45S, SET BY RONALD BURGESS WHO RAN THE BELFAST IN 2:45:55 SEC, THE LONDON IN 2:45:46 AND THE BOSTON IN 2:47:51 ON 16-18 APRIL 1986.

IT IS ONLY IN THE PAST DECADE THAT MARATHON RUNNING HAS BECOME WIDESPREAD. THE CURRENT WOMEN'S WORLD RECORD HOLDER IS INGRID KRISTJANSEN (NORWAY) (6 MARCH 1985) WHO RAN THE LONDON MARATHON IN 2:21:6, ON 21 APRIL 1985.



ALTHOUGH RUNNING MARATHONS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 IS MEDICALLY DISCOURAGED, THERE ARE CASES OF YOUNG CHILDREN PARTICIPATING IN 1978, BUCKY COX, FROM TEXAS, IS REPORTED AS HAVING RUN 5-29:09 AT THE AGE OF 5.



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Hopson and McGee take Nets past Spurs

NEW YORK, Jan 18. (AP): Dennis Hopson and Mike McGee each scored 24 points and Lester Conner tallied four points in a late 6-0 spurt yesterday as the New Jersey Nets handed the San Antonio Spurs their sixth straight loss 117-112.

The Nets, who led by 19 points in the first half, saw the Spurs rally in the second half behind Willie Anderson, who had 19 of his 25 points after intermission.

San Antonio took a 104-102 lead with 4:11 to go on a jumper by Darvin Cook. But Conner tied the game with another jumper, Joe Barry Carroll hit a hook shot and Conner added two free throws to give the Nets a 108-104 advantage.

San Antonio pulled to 112-110 with 38 seconds remaining, but the Nets scored five of the game's final seven points from the free throw line.

Alvin Robertson led the Spurs with 23 points.

**Hawks 111, Bucks 98**

Five points by Glen "Doc" Rivers in the final 2:13, including a key 3-point basket, staved off a fourth-period Milwaukee surge and powered the Atlanta Hawks to a 111-98 victory.

The Hawks' second straight win was only their third in eight games and snapped Milwaukee's six-game winning streak. It was the Bucks' second loss in 12 games — both to Atlanta.

**Bulls 103, Pacers 96**

Michael Jordan, held to just 11 points for three quarters, erupted for 11 fourth-period points and dished off 13 assists to help lead the Chicago Bulls to a 103-96 triumph over the Indiana Pacers.

Bill Cartwright scored 7 of his 21 points during a 19-4 third-quarter burst and John Paxson shattered Indiana's defense with 11 jump shots and a season-high 24 points as Chicago handed Indiana its 17th road loss against just one win. It was only the third time in 35 games this season that Jordan has failed to lead the Bulls in scoring.

**Supersonics 130, Clippers 107**

Dale Ellis scored 15 of his 28 points in the second quarter as the Seattle Supersonics dealt the Los Angeles Clippers their 10th straight defeat 130-107.

The Supersonics, who won their 13th consecutive home game, outscored the Clippers 40-22 during the second period to take a 69-46 half-time lead.

Alton Lister scored 10 of his 18 points in the third quarter as Seattle extended its lead to as many 29 points in that period at 96-57.

**Kings 122, Rockets 109**

Harold Pressley scored seven of his game-high 24 points in the final five minutes as the Sacramento Kings defeated the Houston Rockets 122-109. Ed Pinckney added 20 and Lasse Thompson 18 for Sacramento. Eric Floyd topped Houston with 23 points, while Akeem Olajuwon added 17 points and 12 rebounds.

**Jazz 111, Trail Blazers 110**

John Stockton sank four free throws in the final 14 seconds and Karl Malone scored 26 points as the Utah Jazz defeated the Portland Trail Blazers 111-110.

**Results**

New Jersey 117 San Antonio 112

Atlanta 111 Milwaukee 98

Chicago 103 Indiana 96

Seattle 130 Los Angeles 107

Utah 111 Portland 110

Sacramento 123 Houston 109

Phoenix at Miami (cancelled)

RICHARDS, JONES AND HAYNES SHINE IN RAIN-HIT MATCH

## W. Indies beat Australia to clinch trophy

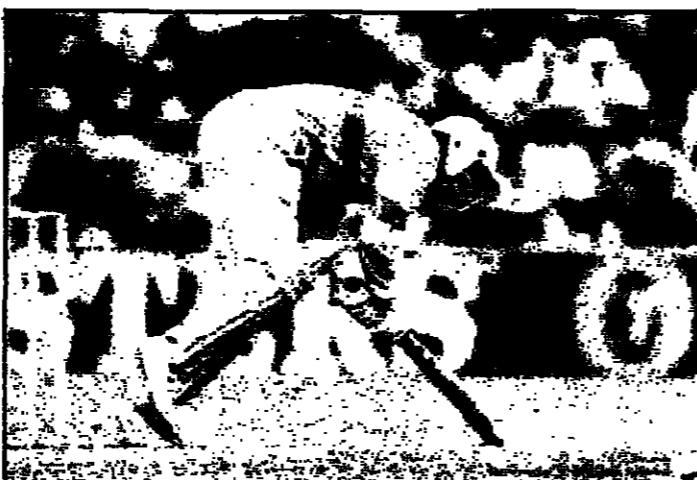
SYDNEY, Jan 18. (Reuters): West Indies triumphed in the World Series Cup as captain Viv Richards hit an unbeaten 60 to secure victory in the third and last match of the finals today after rain had negated Australia's commanding position.

Allan Border's Australians hammered 226 for four in their 38 overs — rain reduced the game from the scheduled 50 overs — to leave West Indies facing a run rate of 5.94 per over.

However, further rain in the West Indian innings reduced their target to 108 in 18 overs.

They swept home at 111 for two with 28 deliveries to spare after Richards and opener Desmond Haynes (40 not out) shared an unfinished third wicket stand of 107.

West Indies' victory on faster run rate in the day-night contest



Marsh bends over in pain after being struck in the groin by a ball from W. Indies' Ian Bishop. (Reuters wirephoto)

Jones, nursing a hairline fracture on his right index finger after being struck by a lifting delivery from Curly Ambrose, carried the attack to the bowlers, hitting eight fours and two sixes.

He put on 67 for the third wicket with Border (32), who played an effective supportive role until he went for a big hit off Richards and was caught by Richie Richardson near the boundary.

Australia continued to score rapidly and took 18 runs off Malcolm Marshall in one over, with Jones lashing a six and two fours.

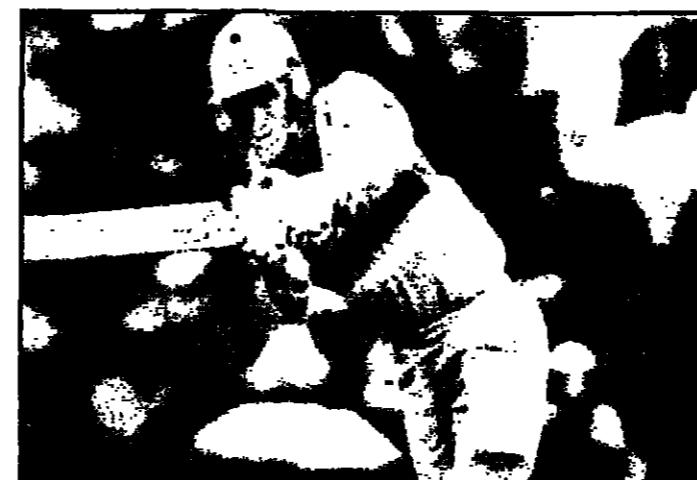
Steve Waugh sustained the momentum by making his 27 off

only 17 balls — including a four and a six off the final two deliveries of the innings.

Fast-medium bowler Terry Alderman kept Australia in charge by dismissing Gordon Greenidge for four and Richie Richardson without scoring in three deliveries in his first over.

West Indies, four for two at that point, were uncertainly placed on 47 for two when rain interrupted their innings. But their fortunes changed when play resumed 70 minutes later, a reduction in the target leaving them the relatively simple task of scoring a further 61 off 68 balls.

Richards and joint Man of the



Jones watches the ball as it heads towards the boundary. (Reuters wirephoto)

Finals Haynes went about their run-chase smoothly against a dejected Australian side who seemed to accept their chance of winning had been washed away by the downpours.

West Indies needed only another 40 deliveries to complete victory. Richards' whirlwind 60 taking 40 balls and Haynes getting his 40 from 35 deliveries.

Border, receiving his shared

Man of the Finals award, said: "It was just one of those situations that when the rain comes, you lose any advantage of batting first. It turned out when the rain came our task was doubly difficult."

### Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA	31
D. Boos b Walsh	16
D. Jones not out	93
A. Border c Richardson b Richards	32
M. Waugh b Hooper	5
S. Waugh not out	27
Extras (b-6 lb-9 nb-3 w-4)	22
Total (for four wickets, 38 overs) 226	
Fall of wickets: 1-40 2-70 3-137 4-152.	

Did not bat: S. O'Donnell, I. Healy, P. Taylor, M. Hughes, T. Alderman. Bowling: Marshall 8-0-45-0, Ambrose 8-1-45-0 (Inn 3w), Bishop 7-0-32-0 (2nb 1w), Walsh 7-0-39-1, Hooper 5-0-38-1, Richards 3-0-12-1.

WEST INDIES	111
G. Greenidge c Waugh b Alderman	4
D. Haynes not out	40
R. Richardson c Healy b Alderman	0
V. Richards not out	60
Extras (lb-6 w-1)	7
Total (for two wickets, 132 overs) 111	
Fall of wickets: 1-4-2-4	

Did not bat: G. Logie, C. Hooper, D. Williams, M. Marshall, C. Ambrose, I. Bishop, C. Walsh.

Bowling: Alderman 4-0-22-1 (1 w), Hughes 3-0-21-0, Waugh 3-0-27-4, Taylor 2-0-22-0, O'Donnell 1-4-12-0.

Result: West Indies won World Series Cup 2-1.

Man-of-Finals series: shared by Allan Border and Desmond Haynes.

## Women's wrestling finally takes hold

STOCKHOLM, Jan 18. (Reuters): Women's wrestling is finally taking hold.

Norway's women spent Monday night pinning the shoulders of their Swedish counterparts to the mat in the first full-scale women's international amateur wrestling clash.

Norway won 8-2 and it was deemed a big success despite some male opposition.

Therese Berg, 24, Sweden's best women in the 52-kg division, has wrestled since the age of 14. She brushed aside the critics.

"Poppycock. It is beautiful, technical and fast, unlike the men who mostly strut around the mat."

Pelle Svensson, a prominent Swedish lawyer who won a wrestling silver medal at the 1964 Games in Tokyo, said: "This was great to watch. I'm convinced women's wrestling will be in the Olympics within 15 years."

### Guess

Some wrestling officials were not so enthusiastic.

"I guess it's all right for young girls to wrestle. But it is not suitable after they develop breasts. This is a male sport," said Jan Torsell, board member of the Swedish Wrestling Association.

The Norwegian victory in weight divisions ranging from 38 to 70 kg took place in the Swedish northern coastal town of Ornskoldsvik.

It was watched by a 500-strong capacity crowd and covered by reporters from 17 newspapers and national television.

The event was billed as a world premiere by the International Wrestling Federation (FILA) because it was the first official women's international to include all 10 weight divisions.

Seventeen FILA member countries now officially recognise women's wrestling as a sport and the first European championships were held in France last year with 13 countries taking part.

The first FILA-sanctioned Women's World Championship are planned for Martigny, Switzerland, from September 15 to 17 in conjunction with the men's championships.

France, the leading nation, has 2,000 women wrestlers, and the sport is growing in many countries, says Hakan Mellander, editor of the Swedish Wrestling Association's magazine.

"I think we will see a snowball effect," he said. "It's almost like wrestling was made for women with their lithe bodies. There is more speed and action than in men's wrestling."

About 200 Swedish women are active in the sport, which allows most of the grips, holds and throws practised in men's amateur freestyle wrestling.

Berg explained how she got into the sport. "If you have three brothers, you've got to learn to defend yourself."

She does two training sessions a day involving running, weight-lifting, swimming and wrestling.

The women do have some support in high places.

As a result of the favourable publicity of the Swedish-Norway clash, the Wrestling Association's vice-chairman of the board, Hans Hellquist, promised to allocate funds to women's wrestling for the first time.

## Pakistan get good batting practice in tour opener

NEW PLYMOUTH, New Zealand, Jan 18. (Reuters): Pakistan notched up some good batting practice on the first day of their New Zealand tour today reaching 329 for nine wickets.

Their departures precipitated a collapse with Pakistan losing its next five wickets to their inexperienced opponents for 72 runs.

Best of the bowlers was the tall, young paceman Richard de Groot who got his reward in the final session, ending with four for 50 off 22 overs.

### Scoreboard

PAKISTAN first innings	82
Musaddar Nazar c and b de Groot	21
Mohsin ul-Aziz c Barrett b Fisher	33
Shoaib Mohammed c Brown b Fisher	2
Saleem Malik c Douglas b Fowler	62
Ijaz Ahmed lbw de Groot	49
Imran Khan c Milne b De Groot	21
Saleem Yousaf c Milne b De Groot	4
Saeed Anwar lbw Barrett	2
Wasim Akram c S. Brown b Barrett	0
Tauseef Ahmed not out	0
Saleem Jaffer not out	4
Extras (lb, 1nb, 3nb)	12
Total for nine wickets	329
Fall of wickets: 1-106, 2-140, 3-257, 4-257, 5-304, 6-312, 7-319, 8-325, 9-325.	

Bowling: Barrett 14-1-92-2 (1nb), De Groot 22-7-50-4, Saeed 20-3-60 (2nb), Fisher 28-7-69-2, Fowler 14-3-49-1.

## Li breezes to victory

TOKYO, Jan 18. (Reuters): Top seed Li Lingwei of China breezed to victory on the first day of the \$100,000 Japan Open badminton tournament today.

The bout has been brought to Hungary by an independent sports club after a year of negotiations with state authorities.

"If this promotion is a success, we expect to stage more professional fights in Hungary," said organising committee member Judit Petervari.

Li, winner of the 1988 Grand Prix circuit, had a first round bye and then made a good start in her effort to retain her Japanese title with a 11-7 11-3 victory over Indonesia's Lilek Sudarwati.

Second seed Hwang Hyeyoung of South Korea, winner of last week's Taipei Masters, showed impressive form, with 17-year-olds Aiko Miyamura and Hisako Mizui reaching the third round.

In other women's matches,

unseeded Chinese Shi Wen beat

Sweden's Christine Magnusson,

winner of last week's Taipei Masters,

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